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Bay endorses plan for nature center

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council endorsed a detailed proposal Tuesday for a nature center at Serpentine Lake—although the city has no money to buy the site or build the facility.

Council's action puts the project in the pipeline for funding through the state Tidelands Trust Fund. In the meantime, negotiations are ongoing between the city and Grand Casino over acquisition of the 12-acre site near the end of North Beach Boulevard.

A proposal to develop the site into a \$1.29 million public recreation facility was handed council members this week.

and will serve as the basis of the funding application. It was drafted by architect Allison H. Anderson and consultant James Inabinet.

The project was initiated two years ago by the Bay St. Louis Community Association, amid fears that the site ultimately would be developed for a casino.

Council was told Tuesday that the Association has dropped its formal connection with the proposal at this point, however, because it lacks the standing of a non-profit entity eligible to get Tidelands Trust Funds.

Those funds are generated

by the leases that casinos have over state-owned bottom lands.

Donald Rafferty, an attorney who advises the city on casino-related matters, has been seeking a donation of the Cedar Point Serpentine Lake property from Grand Casino, but has said several times recently that casino officials are unsure of their plans for the site and are not showing interest in giving away the two tracts that comprise it.

The property abuts Casino Magic's holdings, and Grand Casino has an investment of over \$1 million in the site, officials say.

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Building inspectors clash

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County's chief building inspector is in a jurisdictional feud with his counterpart in Bay St. Louis.

Bill Carragee, the chief inspector for the Bay, came before supervisors Monday and asked for an explanation of charges levied against him.

"If somebody has a formal complaint against me, let them file it, and we'll go forward," said Carragee.

At a May 4 meeting of the Board, Gavney handed a memo to supervisors asking them and the city of Bay St. Louis to "stop this man from playing Building Inspector in the County."

Carragee lives on Banks Street in Shoreline Park and drives a city vehicle down Victoria Street to get home.

Gavney contends that Carragee often stops in his truck and tells people what they can and cannot do on their property.

Carragee said besides being the building inspector, he also operates his own home inspection service. "The only time I do anything is when someone pays me a \$300 consulting fee," he said. He said he makes more from his consulting business than the city pays him because, "the county does nothing right when it comes to building."

But, he added, as a private citizen and a property owner in Shoreline Park, "If I see some-

body doing something wrong in the county, I tell them. I'm not going to stand by and see somebody put a bathroom in a shed and live in a truck. I'm not supposed to open my mouth in the county."

County attorney Gerald Gex said it was his understanding that a man Gex identified only as a "Mr. Rooney" planned to file a complaint against Carragee, but has not yet come forward. "If you went on his property, you were trespassing," Gex said.

Gavney had contended that Carragee stopped "Mr. Rooney" from raising his house or adding an accessory structure to his house, although he is allowed to do so under county regulations.

Carragee denied he ever went on the man's property or reprimanded the man. "I wouldn't know the man if I ran over him with my truck," said Carragee.

Supervisors took no action, but said they would inform Carragee if "Mr. Rooney" filed a formal complaint.

Free summer camp at S.O.C. Center

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The Hancock County Community Youth Task Force to Save Our Children, Inc., (S.O.C.) will hold a mini-fair on Sunday, May 24, starting at 11 a.m., to kick off registration for its summer camp.

The mini-fair will be on the grounds of the S.O.C. Center, 405 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

Geraldine Lang, S.O.C. president, said, "We welcome one and all to come to our mini-fair. We are asking parents to bring youngsters from kindergarten through eighth grade to register for our summer camp."

The summer camp will be

held June 8 through July 24, Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The summer camp is free, and we have planned full days of activities for the youngsters for the six-week period. Field trips are included, and transportation and lunches will be provided," Lang said.

The S.O.C. Center is an agency of the United Way of South Mississippi and Bay St. Louis HUD Housing Authority and other contributors throughout the community, Lang reports.

For further information contact Lang at 467-9586, or the center at 466-0401.

New clinic

Rocky Cuzino of Robert Kane Construction checks out the light fixtures while renovation continues on what will be the new quarters for the Coastal Family Health Clinic. Construction is lagging a little behind but Executive Director Jack Newsey promises an opening by mid-June. The clinic's new home will occupy almost 4,000 square feet of office space in the MarksTown Shopping Center at Dunbar and Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Supers approve three rubbish sites

BY ED LEPOMA

Supervisors have approved three more rubbish sites in the northern part of Hancock County, but seemed reluctant to allow as many as five south of Interstate 10.

On Monday, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on petitions filed by Prince J. Ladner, Charles Henley and Kevin and Lisa Haas to allow them to turn previously approved mining pits into sites that will accept construction debris, tree stumps, limbs and other non-hazardous materials.

The hearing was required because in order to allow the sites, the county has to amend its 20-year Solid Waste Plan. The three petitioners must also get approval from the newly-created Solid Waste Authority

and the Mississippi Department of Environment Quality.

The hearing was advertised in the Echo, but no one came forward to lodge an objection. However, Bill Fricke of Pearlington said he was hoping to get five areas in Pearlington and Bayou LaCroix approved during the blanket proceedings.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward told Fricke his sites couldn't be approved at this time because he has not yet presented to the Board a detailed description of his sites.

Board President Philip Moran told Fricke he would be hesitant to approve all his proposed sites. "Five rubbish sites for one individual? I think that's too many," he said.

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Crowds anticipated for holiday weekend

BY BETSY GAGNET

Memorial Day weekend marks the official opening of

Teachers to receive pay raise

Teachers in the Bay St. Louis/Waveland School District will receive a local pay supplement increase of \$500 next school year and \$300 more each of the next two years.

Administrators will also receive an increase ranging from 1.66 to 1.24 times the local supplement, based on their years of experience. The school board approved the raises in a special meeting Monday night.

summer, and area hotels, motels and campgrounds are expecting lots of visitors.

Buccaneer State Park is open year-round for recreational vehicles, but the Memorial Day weekend marks the official opening of the new wave pool. With temperatures expected to hover in the mid-90s, the scuba slides that empty swimmers into the pool are expected to be very popular to the young and old.

Park Manager Greg Smith said the state park and water slide have been spruced up for the expected hordes.

Smith said only 25 of 149 spaces have been reserved for recreational vehicles, but he expects the others to fill up on a first-come, first-served basis. Smith said there are 149 camp sites with water hookups, but the park can accommodate up to 800 campers in an adjacent overflow area.

Even before the holiday weekend, McLeod Park, off Hwy. 603, was attracting record crowds now that Texas Flat Road has been widened and repaved. Campers began pouring into the 328-acre recreational compound on the Jourdan River as early as Wednesday, according to Park Ranger Roland Lee. "We're booked solid," said Lee.

Lee said he has hired additional security to patrol the park and waterways over the long holiday weekend.

McLeod has 71 camping sites with electrical, sewerage and water hookups and primitive and group areas for those who camp out in tents.

Lee said the covered picnic pavilions were also reserved for the weekend, and he expected others who are not camping to take advantage of the beautiful weather and come

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Wave pool

The wave pool at Buccaneer State Park opens for the summer on Memorial Day weekend. Hotels, motels, beaches and other attractions are expecting record crowds with no rain in sight until possibly Monday. (Echo file photo by Ed Lepoma)

OBITUARIES

AGNES J. DEARMAN
THOMAS J. GARCIA SR.
SIDNEY R. HALLMAN JR.
IRMA LAFITTE
JAMES H. SPENCE JR.
SARAH R. STRADER
MARION J. WALTMAN JR.
THERESA M. WEBER

AGNES J. DEARMAN
 Agnes Josephine Dearman, 87, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, May 11, 1998 in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Dearman was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Everette Dearman.

Survivors include a daughter, June Lang Dearman of Bay St. Louis; and a sister, Pauline Kelley of Memphis, Tenn.

Visitation will be today, 9-10:30 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Pontotoc, followed by services at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Pontotoc.

Baldwin Funeral Home of Pontotoc is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS J. GARCIA SR.

Thomas J. Garcia Sr., 27, of Pearllington, died Saturday, May 16, 1998, in Pearllington.

Mr. Garcia was a native of Blytheville, Ark. He was employed with Redman Homes in Gulfport and attended Pearllington United Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Garcia, and a son, Thomas J. Garcia Jr., both of Pearllington; his father and stepmother, Bud and Linda Garcia of Gulfport; his mother and stepfather, Carolyn and Jerry Huston of Stephenville, Texas; a sister,

Theresa Elliott of Gulfport; a stepbrother, Kevin Huston of Dardenelle, Ark.; two step-sisters, Crystal Snow of Long Beach and Shelly Randall of Dardenelle; his grandparents, Frankie McManus of Long Beach, Thomas and Olean McManus, also of Long Beach, Richard and Betty Aubuchon of St. Louis, and Anna Schamel of Stephenville; and his great-grandmother, Ida Schamel of St. Louis.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed in Pearllington Cemetery.

SIDNEY R. HALLMAN JR.

Sidney Robert Hallman Jr., 76, of Long Beach, died Friday, May 15, 1998, in Long Beach.

Mr. Hallman was a native of Atlanta and a retired pilot.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney Robert Hallman Sr., and Myrtle Larkin Hallman.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Jenkins Hallman; a son, Robert Hallman of Queen Creek, Ariz.; three daughters, Sydney Saucier of Pass Christian, Leslie Chapman and Lauren Barnes, both of Gulfport; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to Hospice of Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

IRMA LAFITTE

Irma Ary Lafitte, 88, died Thursday, May 14, 1998.

Mrs. Lafitte was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Waveland for the past 30 years.

She was the wife of the late James Lafitte; mother of Rosemary L. Elliott of Wilson, N.C. and James Joseph Lafitte

Jr. of New Orleans; sister of Elsie LaBarbera of New Orleans and Althea Stark of Pearl River, La. Survivors also include four grandchildren, two great-granddaughters and a great-great-grandson.

Visitation was May 15 at Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home in New Orleans. Graveside services followed at Cypress Grove Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Lutheran Church of the Pines, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

JAMES H. SPENCE JR.

James Homer Spence Jr., 92, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, May 16, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Spence was a native and lifelong resident of Pass Christian. He was a sheet metal roofer for 60 years.

Survivors include two sons, James H. Spence III of Gulfport and Gene Spence of Pass Christian; a daughter, Elizabeth Spence of Gulfport; a brother, Lee Spence of Covington, La.; a sister, Thelma Spence of Pass Christian; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

SARAH R. STRADER

Sarah R. Strader, 90, of Gulfport, died Sunday, May 17, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Strader was a native of Laurens, S.C. She was a Presbyterian and a housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph B. Strader; and her parents, William R. Richey Jr. and Nell Richey.

Survivors include a son, Ralph Strader III of Diamondhead.

Private graveside services will be conducted in Arlington National Cemetery, Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to Hope Haven.

MARION J. WALTMAN JR.

Marion J. "Joey" Waltman Jr., 28, of Pass Christian, died Monday, May 18, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Waltman was a native of Gulfport.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Marion and

Mary Waltman Sr. of Pass Christian; his mother and step-father, Sharon and Larry Cochran of Jamestown, N.Y.; and two brothers, Wayne Lee Waltman and Troy Matthew Waltman, both of Pass Christian.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis, followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

THERESA M. WEBER

Theresa Marie Weber, 71, of Pearllington, died Sunday, May 17, 1998, in Pearllington.

She was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Pearllington for the past 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ellen Daniels Gibson; and her father, Edgar Raboteau.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, followed by burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

Methodist spaghetti dinner

The Main Street United Methodist Church's Junior and Senior High UMYF group will be hosting its third annual Spaghetti Fund-raising Dinner at noon Sunday, May 24, in the multi-purpose building at Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

Proceeds will fund youth retreats, including Student Venture Getaways to South Carolina.

The menu will include spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage at cost of \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

Both dine-in and carry-out meals will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any UMYF member.

For information, call the church office at 467-4538.

Correction

The Our Lady of the Gulf Choir was not involved in the Coast Choral appearance at the OLG Community Center. Incorrect information was submitted to The Echo.

Sample Ballot Republican Primary Election June 2 Hancock County

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 Wife and Children

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5
 Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing. Isaiah 43 & 49

 Sunday, May 24, St. Ann-St. John Altar Society members will sponsor a meatball and spaghetti dinner in the parish hall after St. Ann's 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass. It promises to be as delicious as usual.

St. Ann-St. John's turkey shoot and barbecue is just a few days away, Saturday, May 30 in Clermont, Florida.

Starting time is 8 a.m. The barbecue will be ready at 11 a.m. with enough food to feed and to bring home.

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CYO members meet Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

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Dinner includes baked or fried chicken, baked macaroni, tossed salad, dessert and bread. Cost is \$4.

Call 467-7374 for delivery.

March For Jesus

The second annual Hancock County March For Jesus will be Saturday, May 30. This is part of the worldwide March For Jesus in which more than 10 million people have participated.

Those who would like to enter the event should meet at the Wal-Mart on Hwy. 90 in Waveland at 9:30 a.m.

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Bay Historic Preservation laws scheduled for June 16 review

BY MARY G. SEILEY

A proposed historic preservation ordinance should be ready for Bay St. Louis City Council's review by June 16, as a special study panel wraps months of work crafting the document.

Charles Gray, chairman of the panel, told council members this week the document's proposed regulations are patterned primarily after those in place in Corinth, MS, one of 19 such ordinances in place throughout the state.

Monday, Gray got a consensus from council to draft the regulations in a way that provides that any rulings made by a future historic preservation regulatory body here are final, appealable only in court.

"Politically, the best way is to let the commission be the final say," council president Tad Black said. Gray had warned against letting City Council serve as an appeals body. "Everyone who is turned down will appeal. It's going to get dumped in your lap," said Gray.

While Gray's study committee is winding up its work, actual creation of an historic preservation regulatory body is probably many months away from reality.

Mayor Eddie Favre said the regulations probably will be included in provisions of a new zoning ordinance for the city. But before a new zoning ordinance is put up for adoption, the city has to adopt a comprehensive plan.

In general, the historic preservation regulations would apply to all structures in a broad area of the city stretching for several blocks inland off the beach. That would encompass the 576 structures in Bay St. Louis already on the National Historical Register, and add a vast area to the city's historic district.

Gray cautioned that the regulations his committee is drafting would come into play only when a property owner in the district seeks a building permit. The new regulatory body would either approve or disapprove plans for alterations or demolitions within the district. The ordinance also will address the issue of "demolition by neglect."

"The people really have nothing to fear from this and everything to gain," Gray said after the meeting. Anything that exists within the

district when the new regulations are adopted will be allowed to remain as-is, but officials hope to protect historic structures from inappropriate alterations and prevent incompatible construction within the district.

The advisory panel currently has 13 members, including Gray, and presumably the final body that's appointed by council will be drawn from that committee's membership. Gray said he would poll the members to see who's interested in serving on the commission.

In other City Council business this week:

Engineer James Chiniche told council that cost overruns already mount to over \$254,000 in the city's "Project A" drainage improvement project, offset somewhat by price cuts totaling \$78,000.

By the time the project's completed, the original contract price of \$1,071,527 will have mounted to over \$1.4 million, according to figures he distributed to the council.

Chiniche said the overruns are

due to several costly changes, including removal of pipes that hadn't shown up during topographical surveys, and wider road cuts due to utility adjustments and/or poor soil conditions.

In addition to finding unexpected underground pipes and concrete, contract workers have discovered grown-over fences that have to be moved, said Chiniche.

The city also has to help offset damages the project suffered during heavy rains in March, buy more rip-rap than expected, buy additional liability insurance, and change plans for excavating under the railroad tracks at Ballard Court.

Other extra costs came in easement acquisitions, council was told.

Council approved the third change order in the project Tuesday night, authorizing an additional \$20,551 to cover some of the items.

Meanwhile, council accepted Favre's recommendation to reject bids for constructing a new fence

around the city's Public Works yard. Two bids were received, ranging from \$23,000 to \$29,000. Favre said the city will have extra workers on staff this summer who will build the fence.

Council also agreed to put the elevator in the depot under a contract for repairs and maintenance. The elevator stuck recently, and the repair tab is an estimated \$1,400 to \$1,800.

Favre said the city will get a cut rate on the repair work, in exchange for signing a maintenance contract, at \$154 per month.

In another matter, council adopted several changes to personnel policy, striking a provision that required an employee to use personal leave before sick leave can be accessed for illness. Council also agreed to review several other personnel policies, including a look at provisions for bereavement leave. Favre said the city also needs to add provisions to its policy on sexual harassment.

Also Tuesday, council was told by Favre that the Corps of Engineers has some \$82,000 set aside to repair the crumbling revetment between Bay View Court and the Casino Magic tract on North Beach Boulevard. If the work can be contracted for no more than that, said Favre, the city won't have to contribute to the project.

Favre said the Corps intends to repair the damaged revetment, fill in sinkholes in the area, and wrap the structure around the southern edge of Magic's property.

Spaghetti dinner set

The Waveland Civic Association will sponsor its fifth annual spaghetti and meatball dinner Saturday, May 23 at the National Guard Armory on Longfellow Dr., 4-8 p.m.

Donations are \$5 per plate. Takeouts will be available. For tickets or information, call Jay Fountain at 467-2198.

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Helping food pantry

Diamondhead Scout Pack 20, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Diamondhead, recently held a food drive to benefit the Hancock County Food Pantry. Those in photo are Christopher Koenenn, Tiger Cub; Brad Reinhart, Webelos; and Cody Nease, Wolf Cub. Koenenn, Reinhart and Nease were the top collectors in their dens.

Families continue zoning challenge in order to build

BY ED LEPOMA

There still might be a glimmer of hope for a Bayside family and a Belle Isle property owner who want to settle on their lots.

Henry and Sandra McClelland came before Hancock County supervisors Monday to say they feel they were unfairly treated by the county Planning Commission and were painted in a bad light in a May 10 story in the Echo that detailed their efforts to bring in a new trailer on two lots they own at 6190 W. Benton.

The Planning Commission in April of 1997 granted the McClellands a "conditional use" to put two trailers on the lots in Bayside Park and hitch them side-by-side, but Sandra McClelland said a heart attack and other problems delayed the move.

She said she already had an approved septic tank on the lots and refuted a story in the Echo that it discharged into a ditch fronting the property. She said she also owns the corner house and the water well that the trailer planned to hook into once it was moved on the lot.

The McClellands told super-

visors they planned to put a nice trailer on the property and would keep up the site.

"I just wanted to set the record straight," said McClelland. "That article made us look like trash."

G.W. Graham, a nearby resident came to the McClellands' defense. He said when he came to a recent supervisors meeting to complain, he wasn't singling out the McClellands, but a resolution passed by supervisors last December that amended the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to allow persons who now have trailers on lots to replace them with a newer mobile home.

Graham said the article was too vague, and an inspection should be required on the trailers that would replace existing ones.

Willie Gavney, the county's chief building inspector, told supervisors that he instructed the power company not to connect electricity to the site because more than six months had lapsed since the McClellands obtained the conditional permit, and now they planned to

put in one trailer rather than the two hitched side-by-side.

But, Mrs. McClelland argued that the expiration date was not stamped on the certificate of compliance she obtained after being granted the "conditional use."

Supervisors voted to require expiration dates stamped on certificates of compliance that Gavney issues in the future.

Gavney said the McClellands must still go to the Health Department to get approval of the septic tank. Then they can come before the Planning Commission to request another conditional use if they want to settle on the lots.

In the other matter, Gavney said he was not "intimidated" by a letter written to the Echo by Joseph Pansano of Metairie, who has cleared and filled a lot and drove pilings, but the health department has refused to allow him to build because a septic tank won't perk.

Pansano complained that he has thousands tied up on the lot in the Belle Isle Subdivision of Pearlington and pays taxes on it, and supervisors have asked the Health Department to recommend an alternative sewerage treatment system.

Gavney said he will issue Pansano a certificate of compliance so he can continue to build on his lot, but District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour said he didn't think the man would want to spend more money on building a house he can't occupy.

Supervisors tabled Gavney's recommendation on Pansano, but passed on two other recommendations made by the Planning Commission.

They voted to shorten from 10 to 30 days the time applicants and those opposing any variance to the zoning law have before appealing to the supervisors or the Chancery Court.

They also concurred in a recommendation that subdivision covenants in existence before the zoning law was passed supersede any restrictions imposed by the new law that might affect property setbacks.

Fulling named to GERS post

Gregory L. Fulling, a University of Southern Mississippi PhD student at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, has been ap-

pointed graduate student representative to the Gulf Estuarine Research Society for 1998-99.

He will be responsible for encouraging graduate students to join the professional scientific society, and he will work with the organization's executive committee on graduate student issues and events.

Fulling's research is determining if the density of plankton affects the growth and distribution of larval anchovies, a major forage fish for commercial and recreational fish in the Gulf of Mexico. He is scheduled to graduate in December 1999.

Dr. Mark Peterson, fisheries ecologist and associate research scientist at GCRL, is his advisor. Fulling is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fulling of Blytheville, Ark.

Road closings

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors announces that beginning Tuesday, May 26, Beach Boulevard, from the east side of Whispering Pines to Bienville Drive will be closed while Hancock County's drainage construction project is underway.

Also the portion of Pleasure Street, adjacent to Bayou Caddy, will be closed immediately due to construction of Hancock County Public Marina.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

This being Memorial Day weekend will mean more traffic on our highways and roadways.

It is important for all motorists to use extreme caution when driving about the area or going out of town.

Many of our residents will be traveling to other towns to visit relatives and friends, and on the other hand, those from other towns will be coming to our area.

It will mean a great movement of our population. Many will hit our waters, too, in various boating activities.

Just as in driving vehicles, operators of boats need to use caution and common sense while on the water. Drinking and driving or boating are very dangerous. If you celebrate by drinking, please do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle or water craft.

Everyone needs to have a good time, but we all have to protect each other from danger.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Please do not forget our veterans who are no longer with us, as they will be remembered in Memorial Day services.

In our community's celebration of Memorial Day, there will be a flag raising at the Bay Flag Memorial on Saturday, 9 a.m. at the Hancock County Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center.

The color guards of American Legion Post No. 139, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253, Bay High JROTC and Marine Corps League will participate in the program. Boy Scouts and POWs will also be present.

The VFW and Legion will host the flag raising. On Monday, May 25, 9:45 a.m., members of American Legion Post and Auxiliary will gather at the grave site of Clement R. Bontemps, St. Mary Cemetery, Necaise Avenue, for a special service.

A memorial service will follow to honor all deceased veterans at the Post Monument by the Club House on Green Meadow Road. Refreshments will be served after the service, and the general public are invited.

Post No. 139 Legion and Auxiliary members will also place flags on the grave sites of veterans within the city limits of Bay St. Louis.

Troopers who died in line of duty remembered

Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) troopers and agents with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics (MBN) who have died in the line of duty were remembered in a special ceremony May 14 at the Department of Public Safety headquarters, 1900 E. Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson.

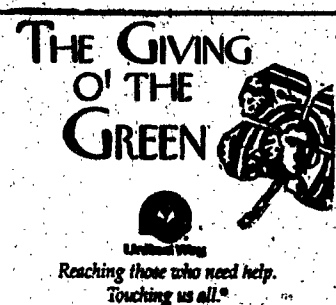
The event was in conjunction with National Police Memorial Week which has been observed throughout the United States annually since 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation which set aside May 15 as National Police Memorial Week.

Gov. Kirk Fordice was special guest along with family members and friends of the men who have died serving their state.

Highlight of the program was the Highway Patrol Honor Guard laying a wreath at the base of the towering 18-foot monument at state headquarters dedicated to the fallen officers.

Also, a red rose was placed by a member of the family on the monument dedicated to those men. Staff Sergeant Jimmy Thomas, Highway Patrol Chaplain, was the principal speaker.

"We must never forget their ultimate sacrifice in service to others. This is our way of remembering the officers who were killed and acknowledging to their families that we know the sacrifice they made in the name of law enforcement on behalf of the state of Mississippi," Col. Ward said.



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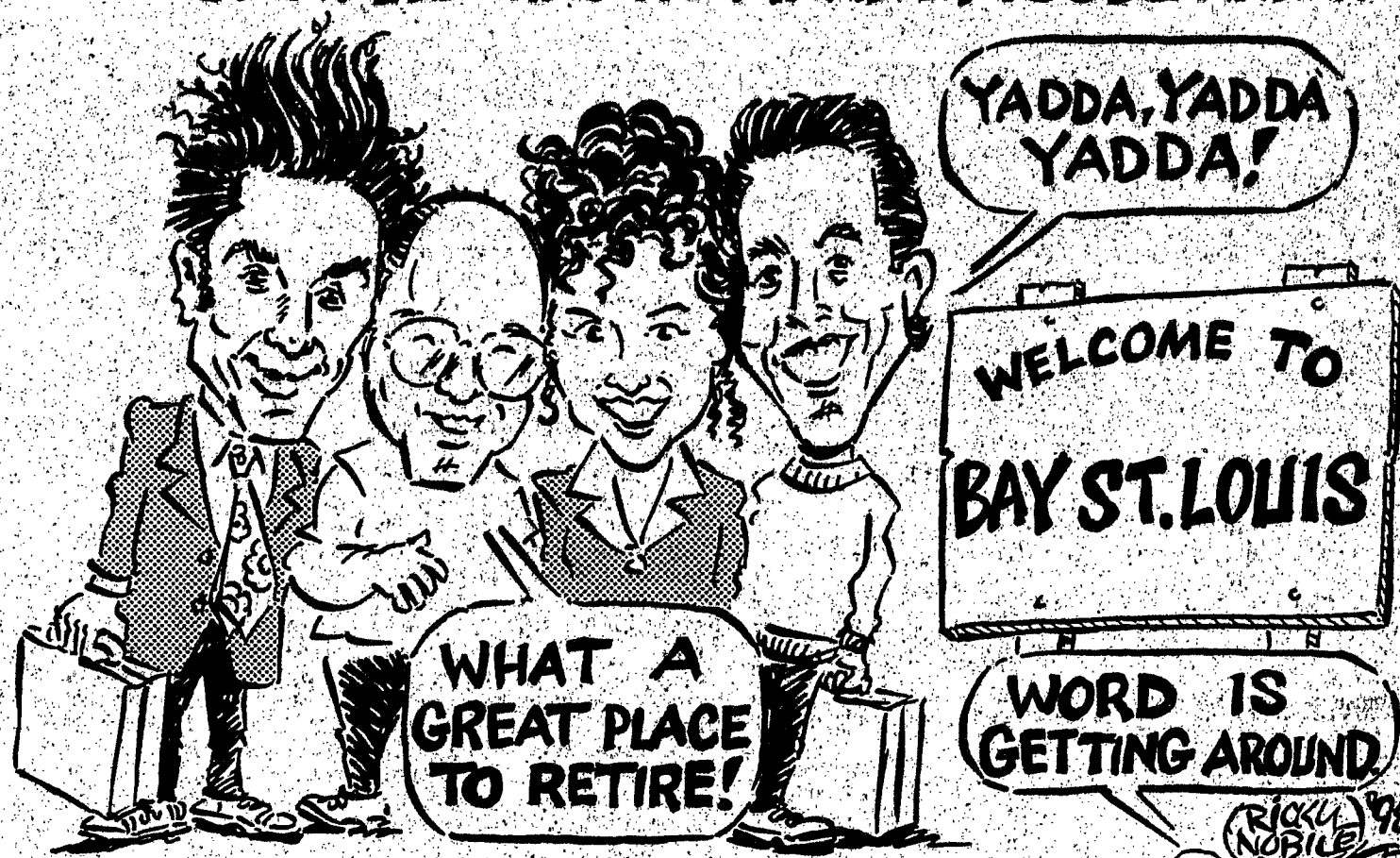
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ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
Veterans Service Officer

Meaning of Memorial Day

The following is an article by Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander-in-Chief John E. Moon as published in the May 1998 issue of VFW Magazine. Has this special day of remembrance been lost on the American people? Many veterans believe so.

It's a sad day to all war veterans: None need to be reminded of the reason why Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more importantly, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of May 30?

Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.

Judging from what Memorial Day has become — simply another day off from work — the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due then. And it is the duty of each and every veteran to relay the message.

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime.

Far too often the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually know. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day.

This should be regarded as a civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations.

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common — love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.

We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible — giving one's own life.

Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone. Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance: placing flags at gravesites, marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples.

Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in the young.

As America's 12 million war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer and fewer standard bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed.

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IN CONGRESS

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for the DD-21 21st Century HARRISON COUNTY — Project that are built by Halter Marine Group included:

- \$60.3 million for T-AGS 65 PEARL RIVER COUNTY — \$16 million was included to continue the LCAC Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) without interruption. The LACA rubber skirt for these vessels is manufactured by Bell Avon in Poylune.

HANCOCK COUNTY — Funding for the year 2000 included \$5.5 million for Special Boat Unit 26 Administrative Training Building to be built. This new Seal Unit from Panama will join SBU-22 which was transferred to Stennis Space Center in Hancock County last year.

Funding of \$73.8 million for research and development of the Space Based Laser Missile Platform was included. Competing contractors have both expressed an interest in locating operations at Stennis Space Center.

NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE

Taylor worked to ensure funding again this year for the National Guard's Youth Challenge Program for at-risk youths. The Taylor-Maloney Amendment increased the program's funding from the proposed \$28 million to \$50 million in federal funding.

The 22-week program at Camp Shelby is designed for unemployed 16-18-year-old high school dropouts. The young people who complete the program either go to school, get jobs or enlist in the military.

SEPARATE SEX TRAINING
The Bartlett-Taylor Amendment to implement Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues relating to the organization of basic training was included.

The provision required each of the military services to assign male and female recruits to same-gender units during basic training.

In addition, the provision would require each of the services to house male and female recruits in separate buildings beginning April 15, 1999.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the Letters to the Editor columns.

—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher



'Power Ranger' at health fair

'Power Ranger' Mr. Mississippi Charles Hawkins of Bay St. Louis was very popular with the youngsters at the annual Hancock Medical Center's Community Health Fair held last Saturday. The HMC event was well attended by residents of all ages. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

S.O.C. Center needs cooling

BY ED LEPOMA
The Save Our Children Center on Necaise Avenue faces a long, hot summer if the air-conditioning isn't beefed up.

Walter J. Johnson, assist center director, came to supervisors Monday to ask them to pay for installing central air to the building at 405 Necaise. It operates year-round, providing tutoring for youngsters, but also offers summer programs for children, and more than 80 are expected this year.

Anderson said the four window units are inefficient and only cool about one-third of the building.

The units cool off only about one-third of the 6,600-square-foot building, Anderson said, and the children are crammed into the cooler areas because other rooms are too hot for comfort.

Anderson said he is getting estimates from Mississippi Power on the cost of tying in central air to the already-installed central heating system. He said more units wouldn't work and would likely cost more to operate monthly because the old building is not well insulated.

Supervisors asked Anderson to bring cost estimates to the June 1 meeting.

The Board acted on a number of other requests during their last recess meeting of May.

Supervisors approved a request by District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner to ask CSX Railroad to post a new sign at the crossing over Herron Bay near LaFrance Fishing Camp.

They learned from Justice Court Judge Ann Williamson that her longtime court administrator, Yvonne Muntz, was leaving to accept a job in Louisiana.

Williamson said Muntz's salary was paid partly by \$8,000 provided by the county and

another \$12,000 furnished by the state, since Muntz also served as school attendance officer.

The judge said she was now suggesting creating the position of court manager, but that meant the state would no longer supplement the salary.

Supervisors agreed to allow Williamson to hire a manager at \$15,000, and will have to amend the court's budget to pay the additional \$7,000, plus fringe benefits costs, since whoever is hired would be a full-time county employee.

In other personnel-related matters, there was some joking and ribbing among supervisors over whether the county might provide Viagra, the male potency pill, to county employees enrolled in its insurance plan.

Lockard and Williams of Gulfport, the firm that administers the plan, wanted to know if the pill should come under the drugs allowed by prescription.

The board's unanimous reply was a resounding NO! Supervisors were again briefed on the status of putting the Juvenile Detention Center out to public bid.

Consulting design architect James Polk of Hattiesburg said he was waiting for the state Department of Archives and History on final design plans, since the new facility will be attached to the historic county courthouse, and he hoped to get approval before supervisors' June meeting.

Before adjourning, supervisors set meetings in June for June 1, 11, and 29.

They declared that the county would take a holiday on Friday, July 3, rather than celebrate the Fourth of July on Monday, July 6. The governor is expected to declare the holiday and give the counties the option of taking either the Friday or Monday off.

Pier repairs await funds

BY ED LEPOMA

Chances look pretty slim that Hancock County will be able to repair two storm-damaged fishing piers before summer's gone.

Supervisors got estimates Monday on the costs of repairing the wiped-out pier at the foot of Dunbar Avenue in Cedar Point and the Washington Street pier in Bay St. Louis, which was also heavily damaged during February's high tides and strong winds.

Jeff Loftus, consultant with the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, said county Road Supt. Dewey Bobinger provided him with the latest estimates, and he has drafted a letter to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources requesting aid.

The estimates: \$136,000 to repair Dunbar, although previous figures tossed around were in the \$60,000 range; and \$115,000 for the pier at the foot of Washington Street.

Loftus said DMR and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries get federal monies funneled them through Wallop-Breaux national legislation, and may have funds to help out. Any grant would require a 25 percent match, Loftus later told the Echo.

At an April 6 meeting of the Board, District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward had already obtained approval for the county to make a temporary loan from the Seawall fund to begin repairs, then pay it back with Tidelands monies expected next year. However, a starting date for construction wasn't mentioned at Monday's meeting.

With the busy summer season fast approaching, supervi-

sors acted on a number of requests on recreational-related activities.

The Board voted to post signs on the beach notifying citizens and tourists of what exactly is forbidden on beaches stretching from Bayou Caddy to Bay St. Louis. Vehicles are prohibited on the beaches, except those used for county maintenance and patrols, and parking is prohibited on the beachside in most areas. Glass containers and littering are also not allowed and could bring violators a \$200 fine.

Supervisors approved a recommendation by McLeod Park Ranger Roland Lee to add a third full-time person to his staff and one part-time person to the recreation department staff to help take care of ballfields and other recreational maintenance. Lee said he had funds in his budget to cover the added costs.

The Board also concurred in Lee's recommendations to promote James Bowman to Asst. Park Ranger, so he could take some time off in the future, and someone would be in charge.

Lee reported he planned to hire additional security at McLeod Park for the coming Memorial Day weekend.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour asked Loftus the status of plans to build a jetty and improve boat launches at the Washington Street Pier and was told that DMR was reviewing the plans.

Seymour planned to visit the DMR's meeting in Biloxi this week to see whether he could speed up the process so work can get underway.

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County suffers two fatalities

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County recorded two traffic fatalities in separate accidents over last weekend.

Around 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Thomas J. Garcia, 27, of Sumatra Road in Pearlinton, was killed when his motorcycle collided with a truck on old U.S. Hwy. 90 near the truck scales in Pearlinton. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Later Saturday, a Slidell man was killed when his pickup collided with a dump truck on Hwy. 603 near Texas Flat Road.

County Coroner Norma Stiglet identified the victim as Timothy Jochum, 34.

Stiglet is still trying to identify a woman who was struck and killed walking along Hwy. 603 the night of May 8.

The victim is described as white, about 5-foot-3, 130 pounds, with long, wavy brown hair and a touch of gray.

Anyone with information is asked to call Stiglet or the Sheriff's Office at 467-5101 or Joe Gazzo with the Mississippi Highway Patrol at 864-1314.

The woman had no teeth or dentures, which is making identification difficult.

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IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

Hancock County, here they come

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Tell your friends and relatives to stop by the Mississippi Welcome Center Hwy. 607 and I-10 to pick up maps and sticker license cards.

If they eat or stay at the various places throughout the county, they receive a free sticker. That bass boat and trailer will be given to some lucky visitor the first week in September.

NO LATER THAN TODAY

Those "Sols," the "Flying" ones will have their get-together for a good meal at Willie's River Dock, the old Reef location on 603 at Jourdan River at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 24.

Hope Haven audit

Hope Haven's annual audit has been completed by Gerald Rigby, CPA.

Information on Hope Haven finances for the year 1998 is available to interested parties by contacting Terry Latham, director, at 467-7945.

USM offers summer short courses

The University of Southern Mississippi will offer several summer short courses on the Hattiesburg campus beginning June 1.

Course topics include photography, dog obedience, computer workshops, swimming and lifeguard programs and many others.

The cost ranges from \$40 for swimming sessions to \$79 for computer workshops. Courses last from one day to eight sessions.

For information, call (601) 266-4186.

Memorial weekend benefit for Bay Explorers

Cotton candy, popcorn and an old-fashioned carnival midway comes to town today and will stay through the Memorial weekend to benefit the Bay St. Louis Police Department Explorer Troop.

The entertainment is a welcome addition to the opening weekend of the summer season in Bay St. Louis and will be located at Hwy. 90 and Beach Boulevard.

A portion of the proceeds will

assist Explorer Troop 2014 with the purchase of the uniforms, equipment and training.

"Pay One Price Armbands" will be available for family groups and individuals for Thursday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday rides between the hours of 1-5 p.m. The armbands are \$8 per person for unlimited attractions at the carnival during these hours.

The Explorer Troop offers a choice for teenagers and parents for learning discipline, team-building, responsibility and accountability. Training and continuing education for Explorers allows the young people first-hand, on-site experience in law enforcement career opportunities.

The troop supports our focus on youth safety and alternative, positive activities for teenager. We welcome and encourage parent participation. Developing a strong communication link between parents and their children is front line defense for the protection of the community.

"The proceeds from this carnival effort help us reach our goal without being a funding burden to the citizens. You can have a great time with your family and help a great program at the same time," said Chief Frank McNeil.

Patrolman Robert O'Neal, Officer Joseph Kepler and Chief McNeil are Police Department advisors for the troop, and Rhett Magnum, a retired police officer, serves as citizen advisor.

Call in reservations no later than today at 255-3542. Carpool from the Community Church.

ANNOUNCING...

The new Greyhound Bus Stop at the Exxon station on Hwy. 603 at I-10. Stop by for a schedule and fares (open 24 hours) or call 466-0560.

IT'S GREAT

It's open and full of treasures and treats and fun for all. It's the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center on Dolan Street in Gulfport.

GATHERING OF POETS

Chairperson and coordinator Dorothy H. Booth of Diamondhead extends an invitation for aspiring poets in the area to come, read and mingle with the best Saturday, May 23, 2-5 p.m. at the main library on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Guest speakers will be Claiborne Walsh of Montrose, Ala. and Dr. Joy Hastings Carlson of Mobile.

Hosts are members of the

Mississippi Poets Society, Inc. Southern Branch of Gautier.

BENEFIT DINNER

The Ladies Auxiliary to Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 is sponsoring a red beans and rice dinner Monday, May 25, 6 p.m. at Williams Church Hall on Edwin Ladner Road.

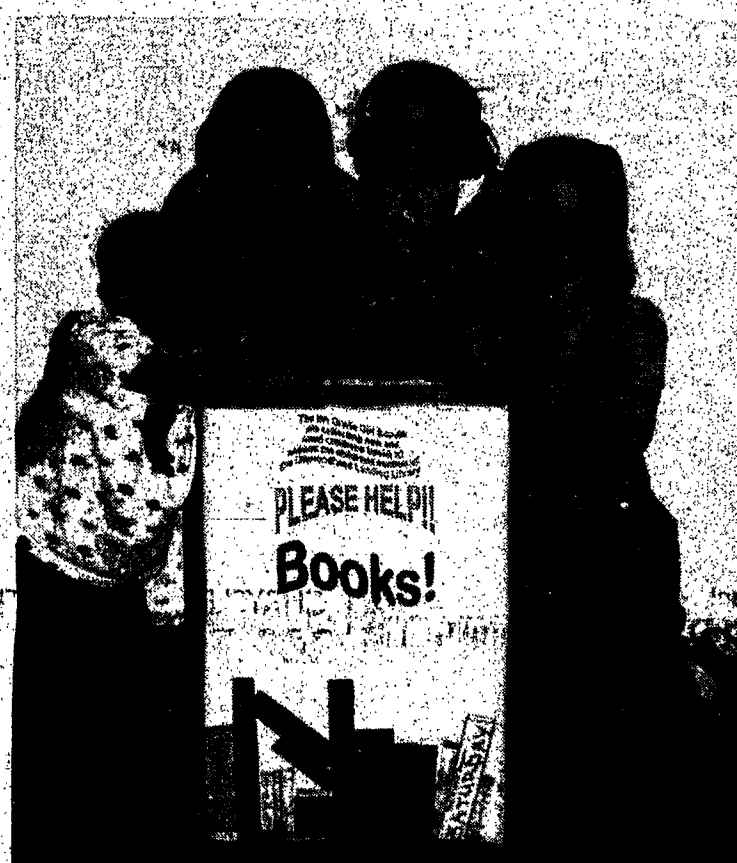
Donation is \$3.50 adults and \$2.50 children. Take-outs will be available.

This auxiliary fund raiser supports the VFW National Home Cancer Research and the Firemen's Burn Center and needy veterans.

THOUGHTS TO SHARE

We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at least a drop which makes it run over; so in a series of kindnesses there is at least one which makes the heart run over.

Summer is coming. Watch out for children. Have a wonderful week.



Children's books

The sixth grade Girl Scouts of Diamondhead Girl Scout Troop 269 are collecting children's books to expand the children's section of the Diamondhead Lending Library. Girls Scouts in photo are, from left, Katherine Moody, Lauren Veach, Majorie Blanchette and Ashley Flynt. Not pictured are Jolie Keifer and Allena Nitiss. The girls prepare community collection boxes for the book donations.

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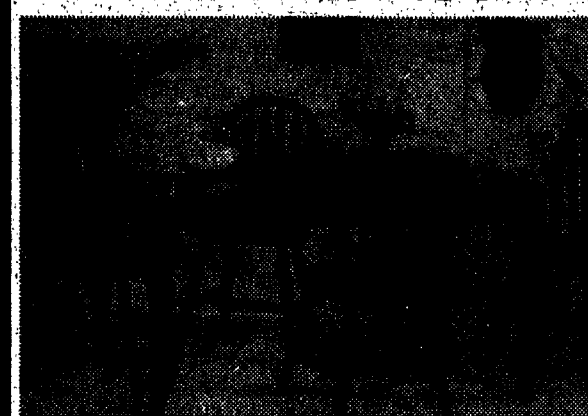


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Allen and Edith Caperton of Houston, Texas, and Herman and Mona Borja of Long Beach, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Anne Marie Borja, to Gerry "Scott" Collins, son of Gerry D. and Betty J. Collins of Bay St. Louis.

The marriage will take place Saturday, May 23, 1998 at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis. A reception will follow the ceremony. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Hancock County Library named seventh busiest

The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library is the seventh busiest library in the state for 1997, according to statistics just released by the Mississippi Library Commission. These figures are based on standardized reporting for 254 libraries across the state.

The Library Commission's account reported that the library handled 179,665 check-out transactions during fiscal year 1997, as compared to 162,337 in 1996, making it the 10th busiest last year.

The other libraries in the top seven were The Library at Hattiesburg, the Gulfport Public Library, the Meridian-Lauderdale County Library, the Pascagoula Public Library, the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library, and the Warren County-Vicksburg Public Library.

The report also shows that the Hancock County Library, which is grouped with other libraries according to population (20,000 to 40,000), owns approximately 66,707 print and non-print items. According to the figures, each item was turned over, or circulated, 3.03 times during the year.

"Approximately 75 percent of Hancock County's total population, or 28,514 people, are registered library users," said Prima Plaque, library system director. "They made 60,743 visits to the library during fiscal year 1997. And our reference department handled in excess of 11,400 questions during 1997, compared to 8,500 the previous year."

"We are very excited with these figures," she continued. "They mean that we are meeting the informational needs of Hancock Countians of all ages, from children who want information for a school project, to senior citizens who want to know how to perform their own plumbing repairs."

The Hancock County Library System is funded by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.



Franklin receives doctorate

Hancock School District Board of Education member, Tony Caston, presents Barbara Franklin, Special Education/Federal Programs director, with flowers as she receives a doctor of education degree at the University of Mississippi's 1998 spring commencement exercise. Franklin received her bachelor of arts from Roosevelt University and master of arts from the University of Southern Mississippi. Franklin's dissertation was entitled, "Factors That Influence Student Achievement in Interactive Video Classrooms in Mississippi."

Final registration at USMGC

Final registration for the summer semester at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast will be 2-6 p.m. May 28 at the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach. Late registration will be 1-5 p.m. June 1. For information, call (228) 865-4503.

USABDA dance

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association (USABDA) presents a May Dance Saturday, May 23 at Stevens Entertainment Center on Bayou Bernard Road, Gulfport. Tom Forst will conduct a free beginners dance class from 7-8 p.m.

"Come and join us for an evening of fun and dance. Fantastic recorded music will be provided by Dance Studios of the Coast," said spokesperson Lucette Worrell. Tickets are \$7 for non-members and \$5 for members. For information, call (228) 832-5748 or 896-4475.

Poets meet

"A Gathering of Poets" will meet 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 23 at the Public Library in Bay St. Louis, hosted by members of the Mississippi Poetry Society Inc., South Branch of Gautier. Poets are asked to bring and read their poetry. Light refreshments will be served to guests. Chairman and coordinator is

Dorothy Hastings Booth of Diamondhead. Guest speakers include Claiborne Walsh of Montrose, Ala., and Dr. Joy Hastings Carlson of Mobile. Dress is casual.

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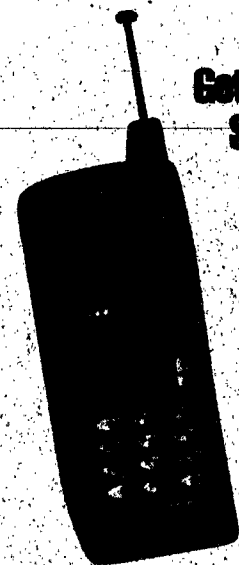
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Jackson VA responds to enrollment rumors

If first surfaced when a staffer in Senator Trent Lott's office called the VA Hospital in Jackson.

His mail system was flooded with letters from upset veterans, and most of them enclosed or referred to a letter circulating on the Internet.

The culprit was a well-intentioned veteran who thought he had uncovered a secret plan to deny veterans medical care if they didn't enroll by Oct. 1, 1998.

Though the Associated Press provided the correct information in a national story and the person who started the scare has retracted his letter and apologized, it continues to surface.

"Enrollment" is the world at the center of the scare.

It is an administrative classification system that puts veterans into one of seven priority categories, depending on their eligibility status, service-connected medical conditions, income levels and other standards. It is unlikely to ever affect a veteran's medical benefits, according to VA officials

here in Mississippi.

"If veterans are not enrolled when they come to our medical center, we will enroll them when they arrive," according to Richard P. Miller, center director. "The Oct. 1, 1998, deadline is scaring people, but that is our deadline to start the classification system—not a deadline for the veteran. When vets come in after Oct. 1, we will enroll them then."

"Eligibility for care has always been worded so that care for service-connected disabled vets and other special categories was mandatory," Miller said. "Other categories were optional, depending on VA's budget."

In fact, the current edition of *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents* lists two categories of veterans: For Category 1, "VA shall provide" and for Category 2, "VA may furnish... to the extent resources and facilities are available."

The continuous circulation of the letter "is another example of the power of the Internet," according to Joe McNally, public

relations director at the hospital. "It has a life of its own, and each time it shows up, readers think it's warning them of a new conspiracy."

The absolute, official explanation of enrollment, according to VA officials in Washington is: VA is required by law to establish an enrollment system for health-care services by Oct. 1, 1998. Veterans must enroll to receive care, but veterans who have not enrolled by that date will not lose eligibility.

Veterans can be enrolled at the time they need care. Veterans who have received VA medical services since Oct. 1, 1996, will be enrolled automatically.

Applicants will be placed in one of seven priority groups, specified by Congress. Based on their priority, the number of veterans requesting to be enrolled, and the funds available for VA health care, VA will determine how many veterans can be served. Veterans will be notified by mail beginning in late spring whether or not their application for enrollment has been accepted.

Those who are enrolled will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services, including preventive and primary care. Other services include: diagnosis and treatment; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatment; home health, respite and hospice care; and drugs and pharmaceuticals in conjunction with VA treatment.

Veterans accepted for enrollment will be eligible to receive care at any of VA's more than 1,100 service sites. While enrollment must be renewed every year, a veteran's enrollment will automatically be renewed unless he or she chooses not to reenroll, or unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover.

Certain veterans will be asked to provide income information annually in order for VA to properly classify them within the enrollments.

Bay VFW installation set

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253 will hold its installation of officers for the post 1998-99 year May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the post main hall, 208 3rd Street, Bay St. Louis.

Installing officers will be Johnny Richard for the post members, and Lucille Durden, past state president, for the auxiliary members.

Incoming commander will be Richard Peterson, and incoming

auxiliary president will be Cindy Schoemaker. They both will take office at the close of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mississippi Department meeting June 19-21 in Tupelo.

All members of both post and auxiliary are invited to attend.

There will be a meal and dance after the installation. Music will be provided by Bobby Allison of Pass Christian.

MS School for Blind camp

Mississippi School for the Blind is sponsoring a summer camp for legally blind and visually impaired children between 6 and 15.

The camp dates are June 7-19. Camp will include

academic, recreational and leisure activities. Reading writing and math will be the focal academics for camp.

For information, contact Betty J. Jones, camp director, at (601) 984-8200.



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ARTIN' ABOUT

The 15th annual Arts and Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead will be Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on the Country Club Circle and grounds.

More than 150 booths will be set up with hand-made crafts and multi-media art works for sale.

Food and drink will be available.

Free shuttle bus service from off-site parking is available.

All proceeds from booth space fees are donated to Diamondhead Academy, a non-profit organization.

For information, contact Brierley Acker, 5610 Ahuli Place, Diamondhead, MS 39525, (228) 255-2697; or Linda Wallace, 22510 Fox Run Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571, (601) 452-2200.

Art showing

Bay St. Louis artist Jeanne Warner with Nancy McCardell of Clay Creations will show at the 6th annual Blueberry Jazz Festival, Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at Bogue Falaya Park, Covington.

Irma Thomas will entertain.

Art class

Susan Sickels will be coming May 19 for an all-day class at Your Personal Touch. She is famous for her Louisiana swamp scenes and French quarter art.

Horn Island workshop

Artists at all levels, ages 18 and above, are invited to participate in the annual Horn Island Workshop, sponsored June 3-7 by the George E. Ohr Arts and Cultural Center.

The \$400 fee includes four nights and five days on the is-

land, with training in painting, photography and pewter-making by Bill Nelson of the Ohr Center and Robert Riseling and Richard Reep of Memphis College of Art.

Works inspired by the island experience will be exhibited in the Lila Wallace Gallery of the Ohr Center in October.

Pre-registration is \$50 and is due by May 15. The full fee is \$375 if paid in full by May 15.

For information, call 228-374-5547.

Mud Daubers Camp

Openings for summer Mud Daubers Camp, sponsored by the George E. Ohr Arts and Cultural Center and held at the Beach Boulevard Boys and Girls Club Activity Center, are now available.

The camp includes intensive sessions in pottery, painting, drawing, printmaking, mosaic and batik for ages 7-12.

Sessions are June 15-19, June 22-26, July 13-17 and July 20-24. Fee is \$140 for center members, \$150 for non-members.

To receive an application, call 228-374-5547.

American paintings

Our Nation's Colors: A Celebration of American Painting Selections from the Wichita Art Museum are on exhibit now through July 27 at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The exhibition's '69 modernist American paintings and works on paper are drawn largely from the Wichita Art Museum's Roland P. Murdock Collection. Included are American landscapes, urban scenes, portraits, regional genre scenes

Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Show

and visionary images dating approximately 1874 to 1965.

The exhibition explores values defining American art — rugged individualism, natural simplicity and democratic spirit.

Admission is free for MMA members, \$6 for adults, \$4 seniors (60 and over), \$3 for children/students, age 6-college; and free for age 5 and under. Groups of 10 or more re-

ceive \$1 off admission price. Audioguide free with admission; \$2 for MMA members. For tickets, call TicketMaster at 601-355-5252 or the museum at 601-960-1515.

Submissions to Artin' About should be sent to The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Notices will be edited and published on a space-available basis.

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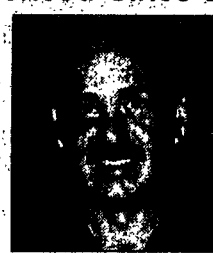
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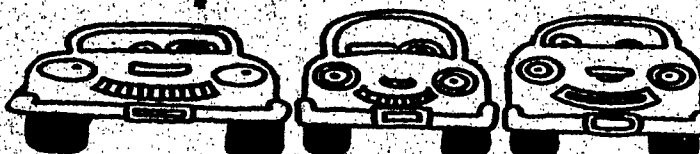
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The 7 p.m. performance will

include ragtime, Broadway and jazz tunes.

Attendance is by reservation only, and the \$25 tickets can be purchased at the USM Gulf Park campus Credit Union or from any Chorale members.



Friendship is evergreen

Dee Cichon of Bay St. Louis presents a Chinese painting to University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Associate Vice President Jim Williams. The painting was done by Pan Li Yuan, a resident of China and president of Guangxi Academy of Image Calligraphy. The abstract, exaggeration and distortion of shapes are combined with calligraphy in the painting that features "Friendship is evergreen" superimposed on the tree and the Chinese character for eagle. Yuan's goal is to promote friendship between China and the United States through art, Cichon said.

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Cameron, Charles, DUI 2nd offense, considered: DUI 1st offense, fined \$902; driving with license suspended, dismissed.
Chappetta, Theresa, reckless driving, dismissed; DUI 1st offense, fined \$651.50.
Garcia, Alvin Jr., driving with license suspended, fined \$652; DUI 1st offense, fined \$920.
Huber, Lloyd, expired/improper/no or switched tag, driving with license suspended, passed to file; DUI 1st offense, amended to felony; waived preliminary hearing; ran red light/stop sign, passed to file; DUI felony; waived preliminary hearing; driving with license suspended, passed to file.
Aiken, Kellie, expired/improper/no or switched tag, failed to appear.
Bennett, Aaron, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Bennett, Tina, improper parking/no parking, not guilty.
Bordelon, Michelle, improper equipment/no safety helmet, failed to appear.
Bozant, Ryan, speeding, failed to appear.
Bradley, Transmetris, seatbelt violation, expired/improper/no driver license, failed to appear.
Brown, Jesse, improper equipment/no safety helmet, failed to appear.
Chapman, Corey, expired/improper/no driver license, fined \$126.
Clark, Dallas III, speeding, fined \$111.
Coe, Arvil, expired/improper/no driver license, failed to appear.
Courtney, Todd, driving on suspended license, expired/improper/no or switched tag, failed to appear.
Cox, Gary, driving with license suspended, reckless driving, dismissed upon motion of City Prosecutor; DUI 1st offense, amended to DUI 2nd offense, fined \$1,552.
Dehaan, Nicholas, speeding, not guilty, attended Defensive Driving.
Diket, Donnie, improper equipment/no safety helmet, not guilty, repaired light; driving on suspended license, fined \$276.
Dorsey, Corey, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
Ellis, Franklin, driving on suspended license, fined \$276; speeding, fined \$106, suspended \$26.
Flowers, Lawrel, expired/improper/no or switched tag, failed

to appear.
Garcia, Juvenal, speeding, fined \$136.
Gellinas, Shannon, speeding, fined \$136.
George, Joseph, driving with license suspended; speeding, DUI 2nd offense, failed to appear.
Gillum, Rosemary, expired/improper/no driver license, failed to appear.
Heitzmann, Laura, speeding, fined \$106.
Hingle, Rodney, driving on suspended license, fined \$276; expired/improper/no driver license, fined \$126.
Jones, Alwyn, speeding, failed to appear.
Jones, Gerald Jr., seatbelt violation, fined \$25; ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101; driving on suspended license, fined \$276.
Kearney, Ann, speeding, failed to appear.
Kennedy, Dian, speeding, fined \$126.
Kerley, Melissa, expired/improper/no or switched tag, seatbelt violation, not guilty.
Khuu, Phuong, speeding, fined \$111.
Lewis, Teddy, seatbelt violation, fined \$25; improper equipment/no safety helmet, fined \$126, \$100 suspended.
Mioton, Mark, speeding, not guilty, attended Defensive Driving; speeding, seatbelt violation, dismissed with warning.
Mitchell, Gabrielle, ran red light/stop sign, not guilty, attended Defensive Driving.
Morris, Toran, speeding, expired/improper/no driver license, failed to appear.
Northrop, Douglas, speeding, failed to appear.
Poole, Tommy, speeding, fined \$106.
Pyles, Mathew, speeding, fined \$126.
Rogers, James, driving on suspended license, dismissed upon motion of City Prosecutor.
Rogers, James, reckless driving, dismissed upon motion of City Prosecutor; DUI 1st offense, fined \$902.
Sand, Christian, improper parking/no parking, not guilty.
Schwartz, Henry IV, DUI 1st offense, fined \$900 & MASEP.
Sedor, Andrew, driving with license suspended, fined \$652.
Shaw, Joe Jr., speeding, failed to appear.
Stieffell, Alicia, speeding, fined \$101.
Thomas, Melisher, speeding, fined \$136.

Thurman, Frank, permitting unauthorized person to operate vehicle, dismissed with warning.
Tisdale, Norman Jr., improper equipment/no safety helmet, driving on suspended license, failed to appear.
Trevil, Mary, speeding, fined \$126, \$100 suspended; expired/improper/no driver license, fined \$126, \$100 suspended.
Warkoski, Jean, speeding, failed to appear.
Watson, Jeanene, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
Welz, Robert II, improper equipment/no safety helmet, failed to appear.
Williams, Kay, speeding, fined \$106.
Williams, Kenneth, ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
Callahan, Gene A., bad check, failed to appear.
Coffelt, Elizabeth M., disturbance of family, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation.
Gabbis, Shawn C., simple assault, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation.
Goodman, Joe L., disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, disturbance of family, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation.
Holmes, James C. Jr., simple assault, state failed to prosecute, affiant not in court.
King, William N. Jr., public drunk/profanity, shoplifting 1st offense, 2 days in jail with credit for 2 days served.
Ladner, Lodge W., possession of alcohol under age 21, fined \$150.50, \$100 suspended.
McCain, Eloise, bad checks, 8 counts, failed to appear.
Milner, Stanley D., simple assault, 30 days suspended, 6 months probation.
Necaise, Thomas J., disorderly conduct, fined \$150.50; public drunk/profanity, fined \$150.50.
Nelson, Michael S., public drunk/profanity, time served.
Rodriguez, Alejandro E., disturbing the peace, trespassing/malicious mischief, state failed to prosecute, affiant not in court.
Santer, Adrian D., shoplifting 1st offense, warrant issued.
Bennett, Joann, contempt of court: failure to pay, fined \$150.50.
Gillum, Kevin, contempt of court: failure to pay, fined \$150.50.
Haskin, Claron, contempt of court: failure to pay, fined \$150.50.
Hingle, Rodney, contempt of court: failure to pay, fined \$150.50.
McCall, Raymond, contempt of court: failure to pay fine, warrant issued.

Construction boom in Pass

BY ED LEPOMA

Construction that is about to begin in Pass Christian took up a good portion of business at the April 6 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Acting on recommendations of the Planning Commission, the board approved a number of

building plans.

Among the largest projects will be a new U.S. Post Office at an already-cleared tract of land at Davis Avenue and Ladner, just across the CSX railroad tracks.

The design plans submitted by Shaw/Walker Architects of

Gulfport call for a 14,000-square-foot red-brick building, estimated to cost \$1.75 million. Construction is expected to begin within 30 to 60 days and take eight to 10 months to complete.

The postal facility, in the planning stages since April of 1995, was delayed because an underground gasoline storage tank had contaminated the site and had to be removed.

The new facility will replace a rented building on Second Street, and Mayor Billy McDonald expressed some concern that it will throw more traffic to the north across the busy railroad tracks, which now has no cross arms or warning signals or lights.

McDonald said he has asked engineering consultant John Campton to project some traffic figures, and he has already had initial conversations with the Mississippi Department of Transportation about putting up warning devices.

Aldermen gave preliminary approval of phase one of the Beachview Condominium development planned at the old Sunflower/Winn-Dixie site fronting Hwy. 90. The approval is subject to elevation and foundation plans being submitted by the developers.

Initially, developers will construct 16 luxury condos, and plans call for a total of 200 units, with a clubhouse, tennis courts and spa and swimming pools.

Also approved were plans to construct 16 single-family homes within the Pass Christian Heights Subdivision off Menge Avenue. The developer must pay the costs to tie into the city's sewerage system.

At least three commercial ventures received approval. Aldermen allowed a martial arts school to locate at 106 Market Street downtown on recommendation of the Planning Commission.

They approved phase one project plans for construction of a mini-storage warehouse facility to be built at 508 West North Street at Pine Avenue.

Aldermen also approved project plans that will allow Moore and Munger, Inc., (formerly Ter Chemicals) to expand its quality control lab. The firm is located in the city's Industrial Park off North Street and manufactures wax compound.

Garden of the month

The June "Gather Ye Rosebuds" Rose Garden of the Month award was given to H. P. McNeely, 111 Aiken Road, Waveland. The picture shown on page 1B of this issue of The Sea Coast Echo is incorrect. We apologize for the error.

31st Infantry 'Dixie'
Division unveils monument

A highlight of the 31st Infantry "Dixie" Division Association's reunion being held on the Coast will be a special memorial service today at 10 a.m. at the Charles Walker Community Center Park in Gulfport.

The public is invited. Gov. Kirk Fordice will be the keynote speaker. There will also be the posting of colors, the National Anthem, a rifle salute, taps and a fly-by of units of the Alabama Air National Guard, according to Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Al Hopkins, president of the 31st Infantry "Dixie" Division Association.

Awards being given at the ceremony include a proclamation from Alabama Gov. Fob

James, a plaque in recognition of the 155th Infantry Regiment's 200th birthday, the unveiling of a monument dedicated to the members of the 31st Infantry Division who served in WWI, WWII and Korea, and placement of a wreath honoring members of the 31st Infantry Division who gave their lives in WWI, WWII and Korea.

"It's a distinct honor for the 31st Infantry Division Association to be a part of the distinguished 155th Infantry Regiment and to recognize their service at our annual reunion," Hopkins said. "We invite the public to join us for this patriotic ceremony."

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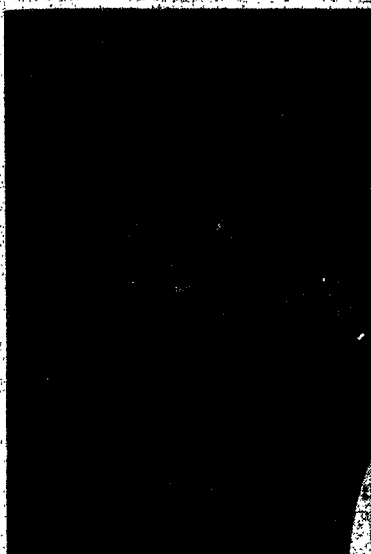
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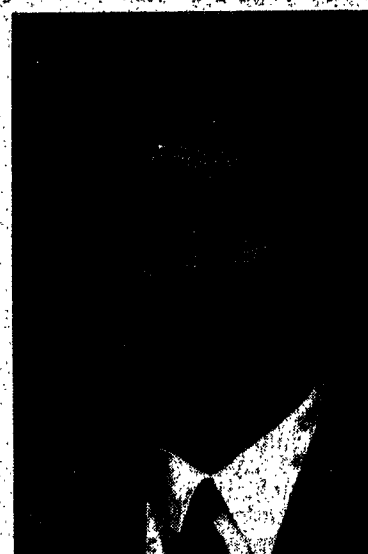
Thelma McLendon



Charles K. Dellenger



Nancy Buckley Ladner



W. Reed Allison, Jr.

Whitney names new manager, officers

Whitney National Bank has hired Charles K. Dellenger as banking officer and manager of the Biloxi Office.

Dellenger joins Whitney National Bank with more than five years banking experience. He comes to Whitney from Hancock Bank where he served as investment analyst and investment officer since 1992.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in finance from Louisiana State University and is a graduate of Cannon Financial Institute, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Dellenger, a native of Biloxi, serves as a member of LSU Accounting Society, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Yacht Club Board of Directors, LSU Student Finance Association, president of the LSU MGC Alumni and is involved in a number of other local civic organizations. He and his wife have one child.

W. Reed Allison, Jr. has been named vice president and commercial loan officer for the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

He joins Whitney National Bank with more than 14 years banking experience. He comes to Whitney from Deposit Guaranty National Bank where he served as vice president and commercial lender since 1991.

Allison, a native of Gulfport, holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master's of business administration from Loyola University, and is a graduate of the RMA Omega Commercial Lending.

He is involved in several civic and community activities, including Lions Club, United Way loan executive, Junior Achievement Board of Directors, associate of RMA, USM "M" Club Board of Directors and USM Metro Alumni Chapter.

Thelma McLendon has joined the bank as a residential mortgage lender at Whitney's Diamondhead Branch, 4402 Kalani Drive. She will be responsible for origination of residential home loans in Hancock

and Pearl River counties.

McLendon has 30 years of banking and financial services experience with the past 10 years' primary focus in the residential mortgage lending industry.

The Whitney offers a full range of mortgage products, including FHA, VA and One-Time Closing products for construction loans.

A native of Jackson, McLendon has made the Coast her home for the past 13 years, living in Diamondhead for the past two years. She has two sons, Michael, a graduate student at the University of Iowa working toward a PhD in math, and John, a graduating senior at Mississippi State with a BA in psychology.

She has served on the board of the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association for the past three years and is currently serving as 1998 vice president.

She is also a member of the Diamondhead Rotary and served as 1997 treasurer of the Mississippi Mortgage Bankers Association, a member of the Homebuilders Association of the Mississippi Coast and the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors.

Nancy Buckley Ladner has been hired as a residential mortgage lender, responsible for origination of residential home loans in Harrison and Jackson counties.

Ladner joins Whitney National Bank with more than 19 years of lending and mortgage banking experience. She came to the Whitney from Dryades Mortgage where she was the branch manager and originated home loans for Hancock and Pearl River counties.

Ladner, a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, attended Gulfport schools, Jeff Davis Junior College and USM.

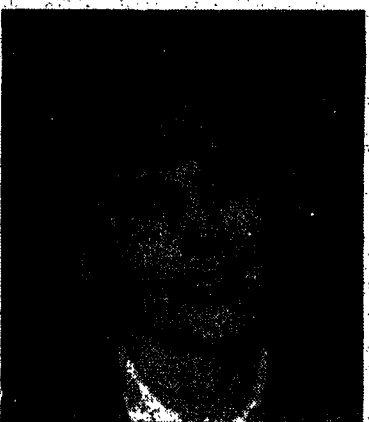
Ayers named top producer

June Ayers of ERA Bayshore Realty was recently recognized among the top 10 ERA real estate agents in Mississippi for the first quarter of 1998.

Ayers, of Pass Christian, was ranked in all six categories of production with her highest being in number of listings sold and personal sales volume.



Mary Cracchiolo



Lynn Lofton

Convention & Visitors Bureau names communication leaders

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau has named Mary Cracchiolo as director of communications and Lynn Lofton as manager of media relations, according to Executive Director Stephen B. Richer.

Cracchiolo is responsible for all communication activities, including advertising, public relations, collateral development, fulfillment efforts, tourism product development and new research initiatives.

Previously, she served as manager of media relations for the bureau; manager of marketing and public relations and client service representative with First American Printing and Direct Mail of Ocean Springs; and as account coordinator and assistant director for client services with HPK/Datascene Database Marketing of Kansas City, Mo.

She graduated magna cum laude from Park College in Kansas City with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration.

Lofton is the bureau's primary contact with all media, including domestic, international and specialty. She provides information, prepares press releases, press kits, conducts media tours and serves as spokesperson.

During the Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau's 10th anniversary, Lofton was a writer with O'Brien/Kenny Advertising of Memphis, Tenn.; public relations officer of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; and public relations representative and public information officer with the Mississippi Department of Transportation. She was also news editor of The Biloxi County Press, Monticello, Miss.; and a free-

lance journalist. She edited The Communication Journal at the University of Southern Mississippi and was graduated with honors with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.

"We are truly fortunate to have the combined level of experience and expertise that Mary Cracchiolo and Lynn Lofton bring to our communications department," said Richer.

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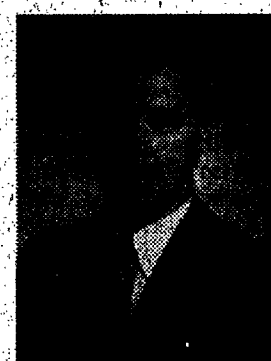
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Center — Conservation main goal for development

Meanwhile, even without public title to the property, planning for how to develop a nature center on it has moved forward. City officials have hopes of convincing Grand Casino that donating the property for the Nature Center will be a lucrative "wetlands mitigation" step, offsetting any plans the casino has in the future that require construction in wetland areas.

The proposal given to City Council this week sets conservation of the site as the main goal of the project, nestled off the Bay of St. Louis amid marshlands bordered by pine forest.

Actual construction for the Nature Center would include a visitor's center with restrooms and exhibit space immediately adjacent to Beach Boulevard, with parking for 15 cars and two buses — enough for over 100 visitors at a time.

The visitor center would have indoor and outdoor exhibits, with decks and seating to accommodate gatherings of tourists and

demonstrations concerning crafts and wildlife.

An outdoor amphitheatre would be built in a large cleared circle, as a spot for education, performances and celebrations, featuring lighting for night-time events and a portable stage.

Set in a natural berm at the edge of a forested area, it would be terraced with gateways to branching pathways. With an open structure in the middle of that site, visitors could view marsh grasses surrounding the circle. Planners said special lighting and easy access to the amphitheatre area could encourage use of the space at night.

Along the site's pathways, visitors would find small picnic structures and a plant nursery area with a greenhouse.

That facility, accessible by automobile from Blakemore Street, would be the focus of staff and volunteers interested in the propagation and care of native plants. A maintenance facility also would be accessible off

Blakemore.

A pier and lookout tower would be built on the Bay, and another lookout tower would be constructed in a forested area along the northern edge of the property.

A bird's eye view could be had by those climbing that forest lookout tower at the end of the trails, the proposal states.

"Climbing trees is one of the great joys of childhood, and this scenic brings this pleasure back to life," states the proposal. "The open top gives the feeling of being a bird in the nest, and makes possible a closer view of the forest canopy, while providing hawks, eagles and other birds of prey a view of the marshland below."

The viewing platform at the top of the tower would be accessible by a ladder or a movable platform with a hand-operated pulley.

And a very close-up look at the site's creatures, or a "worm's eye view," could be had under the marsh, via a tunnel. "Worms, mud, grass roots, crawfish, fish, nests and other amazing things may be seen at eye level," the proposal states.

The Under-the-Marsh exhibit is the most elaborate of many exhibits planned for the site.

Others include beehives, dig nets, microscopic views, shell middens, a tide station, and powered ferry and an interpretive trail with plant identification markers and quotes from literature.

From literature the most famous is "Serpentine Lake is so named because of the configuration of a waterway on the property winding through the marshes and

marshes." — "The Serpentine Lake" by John G. Saxe. "The Serpentine Lake" by John G. Saxe. "The Serpentine Lake" by John G. Saxe.

Holiday — Motels full

out to McLeod to stake out the area where barbeque pits are available. Others are expected to use the fishing pier and boat launch, and there are bikes and paddle boats for rent as well.

Local hotels and motels will be enjoying full houses this weekend, too.

Holiday Inn in Waveland, Key West Inn in Bay St. Louis and the Ramada Diamondhead all reported close to capacity for the weekend, with just a few rooms left at each.

Ann Tidwell at the Bay Town Inn in Bay St. Louis said all seven of her rooms are taken for Friday and Saturday nights, and just a few were open on Sunday and Monday nights.

"I bet I've turned away 35 people already," Tidwell said of inquiries on room availability.

The Budget Inn in Waveland has also had a lot of calls for rooms this weekend. The 22 rooms will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, since the motel is not taking reservations, according to Nancy Patel.

Casino Magic Inn filled its last room about two weeks ago, reported front desk clerk Janita Cole. She said holiday travelers will only account for some of the guests with some repeat guests and some VIPs.

With the influx of visitors, police patrols in the area will also be increased, warned Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson.

"We will have more cars out this weekend because of increased traffic and visitors," Peterson said. "We'll be patrolling the entire county at a more steady pace (with the increase of patrol cars)."

Shelby County Sheriff's Office is also patrolling the area, said Sheriff's Office spokesman.

The beach patrol will be out, but this weekend, with an off-duty beach patrol on a four-wheeler from Bay St. Louis to Clermont Harbor.

In addition to enforcing the laws on the beach, Peterson said the beach patrol will be available and helpful to people in need of assistance, such as medical attention.

The Sheriff's Department also plans to beef up water surveillance on waterways going through Diamondhead at the request of citizens.

County and city offices at Bay St. Louis and Waveland will also close Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Area banks, U.S. Post Offices and state and federal agencies will also be closed.

Rubbish — More sites

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The three petitioners all own pits in the buffer zone in close proximity of each other off the Kiln-Picayune Road, and they were ordered by DEQ last October not to continue accepting construction debris because they were not permitted as a Class II rubbish site.

DEQ took the action after Curtis Johnson complained to supervisors about illegal dumping at the sites. Johnson owns a permitted rubbish site off Fire Tower Road.

The three pit owners told supervisors they are in the construction and lot-clearing business, and need to use their pits to dispose of the debris. They said they have lost several thousands of dollars because hauling the material to other rubbish sites is costly due to transportation costs and charges levied to dump the debris.

In their initial applications, the petitioners gave the impression that the sites would be used solely to service their own businesses, but Lisa Haas said, "We never realized we couldn't let anybody else dump there."

That brought a reaction from District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour, who said, "I thought this was for your personal stuff. Where's the line going to be drawn?"

Haas said she and her husband work with subcontractors, and they hoped to allow them to also utilize their

site. She promised supervisors the site would be fenced and the entrance gate would be locked. "This is not going to be a 24-hour operation with trucks coming and going all the time," she said.

Board President Philip Moran said he didn't have any problem opening the pits up to commercial use.

"With DEQ on top of things, we have a better handle on what is being dumped," said Moran. He said DEQ will shut the sites down if they begin accepting outlawed materials.

But, District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman worried about "opening up Hancock County to having six to eight rubbish sites" that could receive rubbish from anywhere, including Louisiana. And, Coward asked, "When do you say enough is enough?"

The Board voted unanimously to approve the petitions, but said the landowners must bear any expense that would be incurred to amend the county's Solid Waste Plan. There was a wide difference of opinion on what that might cost.

Consultant Bill Johnson of Compton Engineers, which would file the amendment to the plan with DEQ, estimated expenses of \$5,000, but Haas said DEQ told her all that was needed was to write in the location of the three new sites in the current plan on file.

Bay-Waveland Garden Club hosts flower show today

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club will pay tribute to the club's 60 years of community service by hosting a standard flower show today at the Garden Center, 114 Leonhard Avenue, 2:30-4 p.m.

Any amateur gardener may enter the show. Entries will be received 8-10 a.m. today in Division I and II as listed: Division I — "A Tribute to our Home Landscapes" — will feature horticulture, including classes for tree and shrub branches, annual blooms, perennial blooms, blooms of bulbs, corms, rhizomes and container grown plants.

Entries in Division I must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor. Cut specimens must be presented for display in colorless clear glass bottles. Each specimen must be named, given genus and species.

Judging will begin at 11 a.m. The show will be open for public viewing 2:30-4 p.m. The show will be judged according to the Standard System of Awarding required by the National Council for use in judging the Standard Flower Show by three accredited judges.

For information, call Alice Holmes at 467-3710.

Alzheimer Support Group

The Bay St. Louis Alzheimer Support Group will meet at the Senior Citizens Center on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

The group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association with over 200 chapters nationwide.

For details, call Dot at 255-7599.

ACOA and Al-Anon

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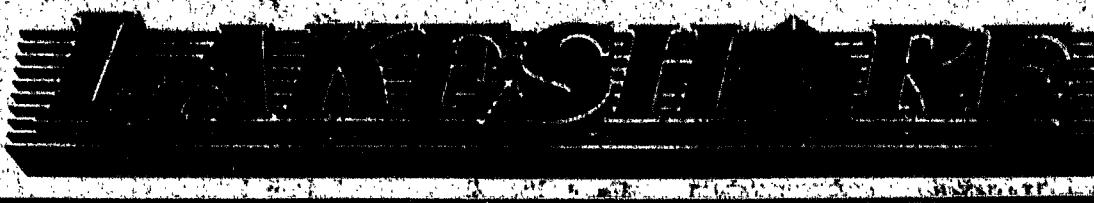
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Mississippi medallions offer lengthy appeal

By Norman Winter
Horticulturist
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The Mississippi Medallion winners are proven, season-long performers in climates where summers are tough with heat and humidity. The three 1998 winners are Zinnia angustifolia, Salvia farinacea Victoria Blue and the Natchez crape myrtle.

This year marks the first time the Mississippi Plant Selections Committee has chosen a species of plants as a winner. The Zinnia angustifolia (Z. linearis) also called the narrow leaf zinnia or Mexican zinnia, is rock tough in hot humid climates.

The 1997 All-American winner Crystal White (zinnia angustifolia) heads up this group that is joined by other recognizable varieties: Classic Golden Orange, Star White (Classic White) Gold and Orange, and a mix called Star-bright. These zinnias are for gardeners who want to enjoy flowering plants all season without labor intensive care. These zinnias bloom from spring until frost and reach a height of 15 to 18 inches. These self-cleaning zinnias are virtually disease free.

They are great as border plants and informal mass plantings. They excel as individual plants in rock gardens and are perfect for cities looking for low maintenance, attractive flowers. These zinnias never look impressive in this jumbo six-pack but you will be surprised by how well they perform after planting.

For best results, you need proper bed preparation. Spade in or till three to four inches of organic matter and incorporate two pounds of a 13-13-13 fertilizer per 100 square feet.

As with all bedding plants, water is crucial while they are spreading roots to the adjacent soil. After they are established, water when there is less than one inch of rain in a week. The zinnia angustifolia prefer full sun and will perform equally well in the landscape or as a container-grown plant. Use them near steps or other garden features for highest visibility at dusk when the pure white, golden-orange or yellow blooms reflect the diminishing sunlight.

They work well in combination with another 1998 winner, Salvia farinacea, Victoria Blue. Victoria Blue is reliably perennial in zones eight and nine and half hardy in zone 7.

Even if Victoria Blue is

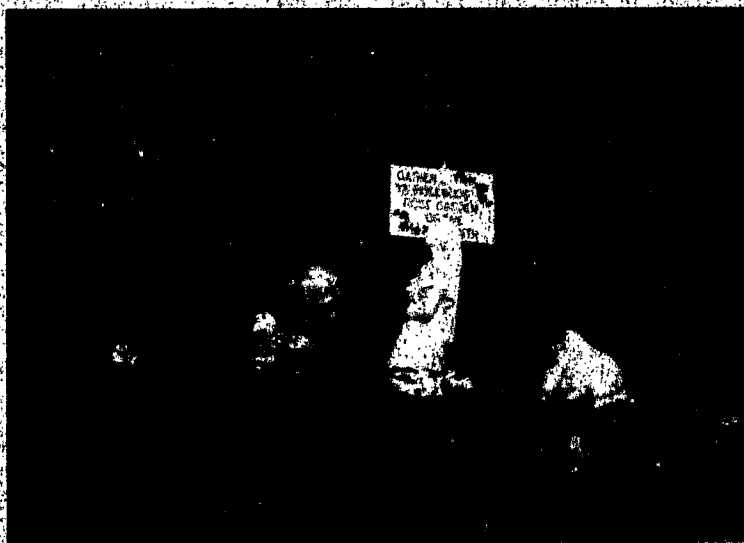
treated as an annual, this 24- to 32-inch tall plant with spiky, dark blue flowers is most welcome in the garden where round flowers often dominate. It is undemanding and extremely long flowering. Dead-heading keeps flowers producing all season long. They are useful as a cut flower, and bees and butterflies find them a delicacy. They work well with the Mexican zinnias, shrub roses, red-leaved coleus and black-eyed Susans.

The Natchez crape myrtle, a U.S. National Arboretum cross of Lagerstroemia indica and L. fauriei, is also a 1998 winner. This 21-foot tall, white-flowered variety has year round landscape appeal. As the tree ages, the bark exfoliates to mottled patches that are a rich cinnamon-brown color. The leaves are a dark glossy green that will turn to a golden orange and red in most fall seasons. The tree is resistant to powdery mildew.

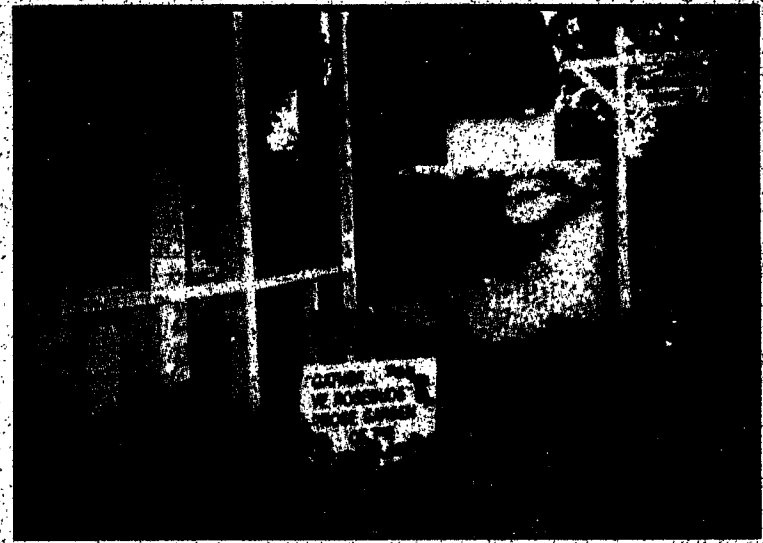
Use the Natchez as a specimen or perhaps to frame the front door, entry way or drive. They are also attractive planted in clusters. Plant your Natchez in full sun in well-drained soil. Dig your hole two to three times as wide as the root ball but no deeper. Fill in the hole with the backfill soil and build a berm around the base large enough to hold three to five gallons of water. The berm can be removed as desired in the second year.

The Mississippi Medallion program is in its third year and is a cooperative effort of the Mississippi State University Extension Service, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, Mississippi Nurseryman's Association and the Mississippi Plant Selections Committee.

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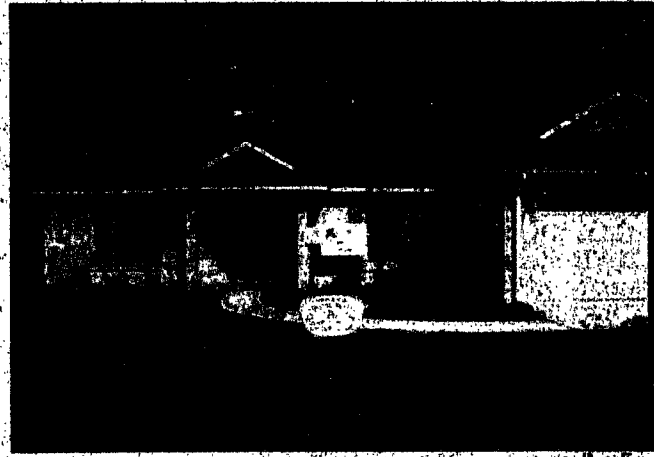
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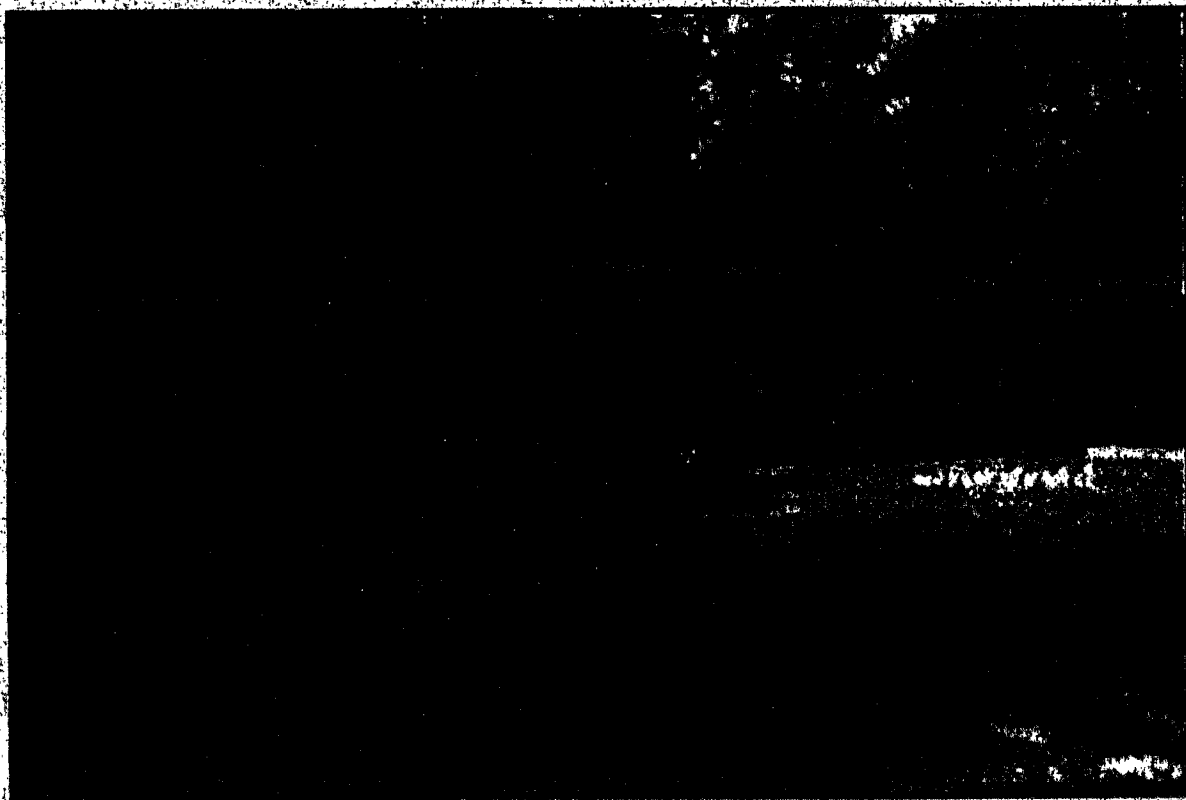


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May Garden of the Month
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April Garden of the Month
Victoria Spruce, 156 Vacation Lane, Waveland

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Halter Marine golf tournament benefits Boys & Girls Clubs

Decarlos Anderson is like a lot of other 17-year-olds. He loves to play basketball. But like many kids his age, he tends to get in trouble spending time with other youths who are trouble prone.

That's why he takes classes at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast. The clubs offer a variety of instructions from computer training to gymnastics, leadership and cultural enrichment and public speaking to karate and art classes.

But the Boys & Girls Clubs have limited financial resources for services and programs that can help kids like Decarlos.

Enter Keith Voigts and Fred May, both senior vice-presidents at Halter Marine Group Inc. (AMEX:HLX), Gulfport, who came up with an idea to help the Boys & Girls Clubs raise money to aid kids from 6 to 18 along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

That idea has now become the 2nd annual Halter Marine Invitational Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast which will be played at The Oaks Golf Club in Pass Christian May 21 with tee time of 8:45 a.m.

"We were playing golf and talking about what Halter could

do to help the Boys & Girls Clubs," said Voigts, who was active in Boys & Girls Clubs in New Orleans and Dallas. "I said we should organize a golf tournament," said May. "Golf is a fun event and we knew quite a few guys who wouldn't mind helping out a good cause."

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of Halter, their suppliers and the support from the corporate community which raised \$68,000 for us last year," said Lee Kerley, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast.

"The money from this year's event will be used to help 1,500 kids with new and better programs, outreach services and new supplies which will enrich their lives. During 1997, our daily programs and outreach services touched more than 15,000 kids."

In addition to the tournament, there will be contests for longest drive, closest to the pin and hole-in-one.

More than 100 players from across the Gulf South region have already committed to play in this year's tournament. Over a dozen kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs have volunteered to sell milligrams to raise money and carry the golf bags of some

of the participants.

Many of this year's participants are playing because they know how important it is for the kids to have summer programs sponsored through the proceeds from the tournament.

"It's great to see the smiles on the kids who know that they can have fun, be safe, and at the same time continue to become good citizens," said Southern Sand Blasting's Charles Wilson, a member of last year's winning team. "Business is going much better now, so we're glad to be a part of this effort and to help the clubs."

For Decarlos Anderson, he plans to put down his basketball and grab a golf bag to say "thank you" to all the people who've helped him learn and do more at the club during the past years.

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Safe summer boating tips from BOAT/U.S.

Memorial Day weekend is the traditional start of the summer boating season, and it could be a big weekend for boating accidents, according to BOAT/U.S. (Boat Owners Association of the United States), the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

BOAT/U.S. estimates that 50 people could die across the USA in Memorial Day weekend boating accidents, and many more could lose their lives before summer's end.

However, most of these

deaths could be avoided if boaters follow some simple rules. Life jackets are essential. Most boating accidents happen when someone falls overboard or capsizes the boat. Nine out of 10 people who drown in boating accidents aren't wearing a life jacket. More than 50 percent of fatal boating accidents also involve alcohol use.

Other safe boating tips:

- Don't overload your boat with people or equipment and make sure you have all Coast Guard-required gear on board.

- Know before you go — get a weather forecast. While underway, observe current conditions and be aware of changing weather patterns.

- Keep a sharp lookout for other boats, swimmers or skiers and objects in the water while the boat is moving.

- A boating course is a good way to learn how to boat safely. BOAT/U.S. offers a free on-line course on the Internet. Just log on to the BOAT/U.S. website at <http://www.boatus.com>.

BOAT/U.S. launches insurance program for bass boats

A boat insurance program for the serious bass boater is now available from BOAT/U.S. (Boat Owners Association of the United States), the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

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Tigers, Hawks, Rocks to play spring games

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Bay High Tigers, Hancock Hawks and St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws all will play spring football games to end their spring training for the 1998 football season.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will tangle with the St. John Eagles in a junior varsity and varsity contest on Thursday, May 21. The JV game will start at 5:30 p.m., and the varsity game will start immediately after.

The games will follow a regular game format with one exception, no kickoffs.

Admission is \$2, and there will also be a fish-fry at the game along with other concessions to support the SSC Gridiron Club.

The Bay High Tigers will strap it on against the Hancock Hawks in a 2 p.m. matchup at Joe D. McCulloch Stadium in Bay St. Louis. The game is set for Saturday, May 23.

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Shabazz earns baseball honors

Pearl River Community College had five members of its 1998 baseball team to earn postseason honors, according to Wildcat head coach Jim Nightengale.

Sophomore centerfielder Wali Shabazz of Bay St. Louis earned All-Region 23 and All-State honors, while sophomore second baseman Jacques Poole of Prentiss was an All-Region selection.

Sophomore righthander T. J. Landreneau of Eunice, La., earned All-State honors, while freshman Rob Ford (designated hitter-first baseman) of Picayune and Trey Light (rightfielder) of Oak Grove earned second team All-State honors.

Shabazz was a two-year starter for the Wildcats and finished the 1998 season batting .386. His 37 RBI were a team-high for PRCC, as was his 19 stolen bases. Shabazz hit five home runs and 13 doubles.

Poole was also a two-year starter and batted .365 with 14 stolen bases, 13 doubles, 30 RBI and three home runs.

Landreneau was the Wildcats' top gun on the mound, finishing with a team-best 8-3 record. He pitched 61.1 innings and recorded 41 strikeouts and 12 walks, while boasting an earned-run average of 2.29.

Ford hit .368 this past season with 21 RBI, six doubles and two home runs. Light batted .308 with 33 RBI, 11 stolen bases, nine doubles and eight home runs.



Wali Shabazz

Craig claims Sun Coast championship

Lloyd Craig finished second behind Joey Pilgrim in the Rookie heat race placing the two on the front row for the championship feature race.

Pilgrim moved to the front as they came out of turn two, but after a couple of laps he began to drop back with mechanical problems.

Jason Beauchamp held the second spot for several laps, but also fell victim to mechanical problems. Roger Ladner chased Craig to the finish line while holding off Stanley Graves and Stephanie Pate, but was unable to challenge for the lead.

Street Stock heat winners Rodney Barber and Noah Daspit headed the feature race lineup as the green flag came out. Barber moved to the front with Daspit in tow followed by Bubba Trotter and Danny Lee.

Daspit developed mechanical problems in the early going forcing him to pit for the night. Lee was charged with a caution sending him to the rear of the pack.

Steve Marsh and David Hough battled for the third spot before Hough had to take his car in for the night. Barber picked up the win with Trotter, and Marsh rounding out the top three.

Gary Joiner shared the front row with John Varhol for the start of the Pro Stock feature as each had claimed an earlier heat race. Although Joiner has numerous wins to his credit, this was one of Varhol's better outings while making the first couple of laps exciting running side by side with Joiner. Varhol crossed up after a couple of hotly contested laps bringing out a caution penalizing him to the rear of the field on the restart.

Ronnie Roberts moved into the second spot and applied constant pressure to Joiner although he was unable to make a pass for the lead. Veteran driver Mitchell Williams held off Jerry

Winstead to finish in the third spot.

Greg Galbreath claimed a flag-to-flag win in the IMCA feature after moving to the lead from his pole starting position. Heat winner Donald Parker was applying the pressure from his second spot before getting loose in turn one collecting up several other cars.

Chuckie Smith was one of the victims leaving the track on the hook, while Parker went in under his own power ending both for the night.

Nick Sellier had been in the top three before giving way to his brother Kalif as he made a charge toward the front.

Nick and Chris Burt made contact coming out of turn four causing Sellier to get into the front wall. This ended Sellier's night of racing while Burt was able to continue.

Ben Stephens moved into the third spot behind Kalif and Galbreath, rounding out the top three. This was Galbreath's first feature win of the season. Smith was also a heat race winner.

Next Saturday night will feature the Pro Stocks in a "Summer Sizzler" with additional prize money to be awarded.

Diamondhead Nines results

April 21, Low Net Front Cardinal
First flight: first, Marge Dieball; second, Sue Munn; third, Ellen Nutting
Second flight: first, Celeste Klein; second, Kay Horn; third, Margaret Smith
Third flight: first, Shirley Smith; second, Ethelene Johnson; third, Shirley Cameron
Chip-in: Emmy Swink, Kay Horn

May 5, Trophy Day
First flight: low gross, Donna Hanna; low net, Elaine Smith; putts, Ellen Nutting
Second flight: low gross, Pat Hogan; low net, Margaret Smith; putts, Bobbie Sorgenfrei
Third flight: low gross, Ethelene Johnson; low net, Betty Tracy; putts, Flo Palmer
May 11-12

Alpha tournament Front and Back Pine Over-the-field winner: Rosemary Bacigalupi
First flight: first, Lorna Decker; second, Sue Munn; third, Jeanette Sullivan
Second flight: first, Margaret Smith; second, Salley Lindsey; third, Dot Sierveld
Third flight: first, Ethelene Johnson; second, Lorraine Bourn; third, Carrie Perkins
Close to pin: first flight, Elaine Smith; second flight, Kay Horn; third flight, Lorraine Bourn

Longest drive: first flight, Celeste Klein; second flight, Rosemary Bacigalupi; third flight, Lorraine Bourn
Chip-ins: Hogan, Klein, Dean, Tucker, Moran, Nutting
Birdies: Horn, Holt

Humphreys, Adam named to PRCC cheerleading squad

The 1998-99 cheerleading squad at Pearl River Community College has been named, according to Bill Temple, PRCC student activities director and cheerleading coach.

The new squad includes freshmen Wendell Humphreys of Bay St. Louis; Beau Wiltshire

of Poplarville; Karen Wheat of Brooklyn; and Robin Kelly of Poplarville.

Also, sophomores Jared Baucum of Picayune (captain), Anna Edmond of Picayune (captain), Trinity Adam of Hancock County, Amber Smith of Poplarville.

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The Campus Ministry of OLA sponsored the collection called "Copper Counts" with competition between the six classes.

Students were instructed to place only pennies in their own collection bottle. These counted as positive points. All the classes, however, were free to put silver coins or paper money into their competitors' bottles. These counted as negative points.

The class with the greatest number of positive points was promised a "free dress" pass (out of uniform) and an ice cream treat.

The senior class won with a total of 25,490 points. They turned in 642 rolls of pennies and had only \$66.10 in "other" money, for a total of \$387.10.

Although the junior class brought in the greatest total amount of money, \$414.80, their 427 rolls of pennies were off-set by \$201.30 in "other" money given to them by their competitors. So, they came in last



'Copper Counts'

Our Lady Academy Campus Ministry officers count and roll pennies brought in on the last day of the mission activity, "Copper Counts." The officers are, from left, freshman Tony Piernas, secretary; sophomore Allyson Vaughn, treasurer; junior Leslie Bennett, vice-president; seventh grader Colleen Kirby, historian; eighth-grader Linda Nguyen, publicity chair; and senior Margie Harris, president.

and reflection time in the OLG Church on what this means for survival.

Decisions on the distribution of money will be decided at their next meeting.

A week after the Copper Counts activity, the Campus Ministry conducted a mission activity outside with "beans" to show how people in third world countries have difficulty getting food, shelter and other services. Then, they held a prayer

Summer camps appeal to children

Junior high students interested in exploring figure drawing may benefit from a course planned this summer at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus.

"Figure Drawing for Junior High Students," set for 8

a.m.-noon June 15-19, will teach 7th through 9th grade participants how to draw faces through a variety of media, including charcoal, pencil and marker.

Tricia McDonald, who has taught in Florida and Alabama

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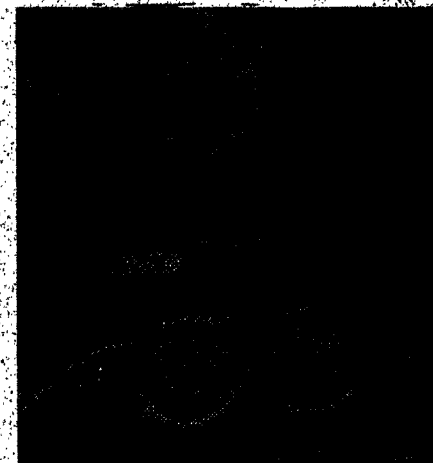
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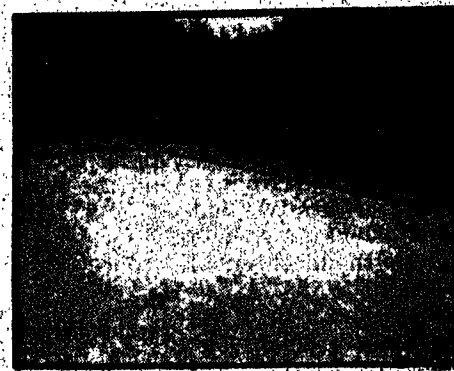
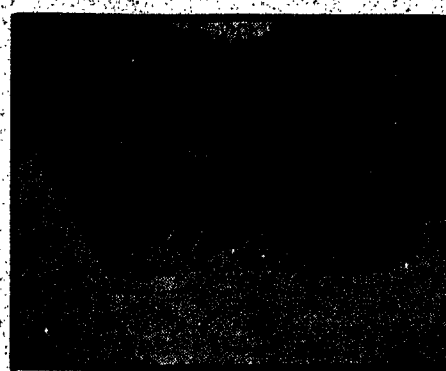


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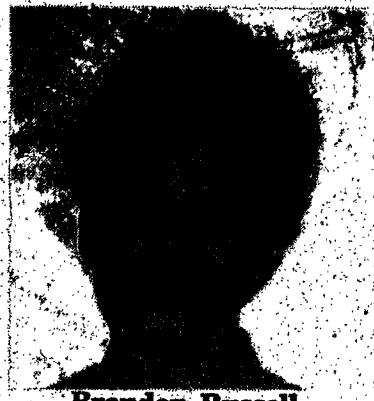
Russell selected for Governor's School

Coast Episcopal student Brandon Russell has been selected to participate in the 1998 session of the Mississippi Governor's School.

The school is a residential honors program established in 1981 at Mississippi University for Women and is designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences for a limited number of rising high school juniors and seniors who have demonstrated exceptional

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Russell, who is a junior at Coast Episcopal, is an Alpha Honor Roll student. He has been president of his class for the past two years and is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Russell of Gulfport.



Brandon Russell

Registration set for summer school

Registration for undergraduate and graduate students for the first summer session at Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss., will begin Tuesday, May 26 at 9 a.m. in the James L. Bolden Campus Union Ballroom. Dormitories will be open for

occupancy Sunday, May 24. Classes will begin Wednesday, May 27.

Alcorn State University's School of Nursing in Natchez will have registration Friday, May 22, 9:30 a.m. at the Natchez campus located on 500

Beltline Highway.

Second summer session registration at the main campus will be Monday, June 29. Classes are set to begin Tuesday, June 30.

For information, call 1-800-222-6790.



Win VICA medals

Pearl River Community College's VICA (Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America) recently competed in a skills competition at Northwest Community College in Senatobia. The PRCC group took 10 contestants, and seven returned with medals. Pictured are, front from left, Erryl Banks of Hattiesburg (first place masonry), Kenneth Woullard of Hattiesburg (first masonry), Roland Cuevas of Picayune (state parliamentarian), Dusty Anderson of Nacaise Crossing (second motor control), back row; Ken Burlette of Picayune (second cabinet making), Chris Edmonds of Picayune, Kris Evans of Prentiss (first air conditioning and refrigeration), Bryan Stewart of Purvis (first diesel equipment), J. J. Hay of Poplarville (third welding) and Leroy Lee of Kiln (second sheet metal). PRCC VICA sponsor Darryl Smith said the club is raffling a cement picnic table to raise funds to compete in the national competition in Kansas City, Mo. June 22-26 where club members from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will be competing. (PRCC photo)

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Hancock inducts 1998 members

At an evening ceremony May 7, Hancock High School inducted 21 new members into its National Honor Society (NHS) chapter.

The NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Donnie Gholston, HHS principal, provided the ceremony's invocation, and Lloyd Wilson, Hancock NHS sponsor, welcomed everyone.

Current members Tami Munsch, Jon Caston, Mary Ann Garriga and Tasha Payton explained the importance of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Elise Sims, attorney at law from Smith & Liston/Lancaster, addressed those in attendance.

Students inducted into Hancock High's NHS Chapter are Jessica Blackmon, Leslie Cordova, Amy Cuevas, Tammy Estapa, Marlana Evans, Kyle Gutierrez, Mark Hall, Trina Ladner, Sarah Lesue, Dena McManus, Bennett Moe, Luke Payne, Jessica Puchen, Amanda Pullen, Melissa Richmond, Lauren Savage, Blake Smith, Jennifer Stephenson, LeAnna Thornton, Stacy Weaver and George Wedgeworth.

The new members will continue to uphold the NHS purposes of creating an enthusiasm for learning, stimulating a desire to freely help others, promoting leadership skills and developing strong character.

Summer orientation set at Pearl River College

Officials at Pearl River Community College have announced the dates for the 1998 summer orientation session for new students:

July 6: Students living in Hancock, Jefferson Davis and Marion counties

July 7: Students living in Forrest and Lamar counties

July 8: Students living in Pearl River County

July 8: Open date for students who could not attend on their specific date and students living out of state.

"One of our most important orientation goals is to help freshmen succeed academically," said Dr. Becky Askew, PRCC's director of guidance, recruitment and orientation.

"We hope that orientation will help students with their personal adjustment to college and help their parents and families understand the adjustments which college freshmen must make."

For information, call (601) 795-1317 or 795-1318.



Youth leaders

Coast Electric Power Association sponsored three students for this year's Youth Leadership Seminar hosted by the Electric Power Association of Mississippi. During the conference, students visited the state Capitol and met their district legislators. Pictures are Senator Ezell Lee, Moriah Mazingo of Poplarville High; Alden Shank of Biloxi High; Senator Billy Hewes; Daniel Durazo of Hancock High; and Senator Scottie Cuevas.

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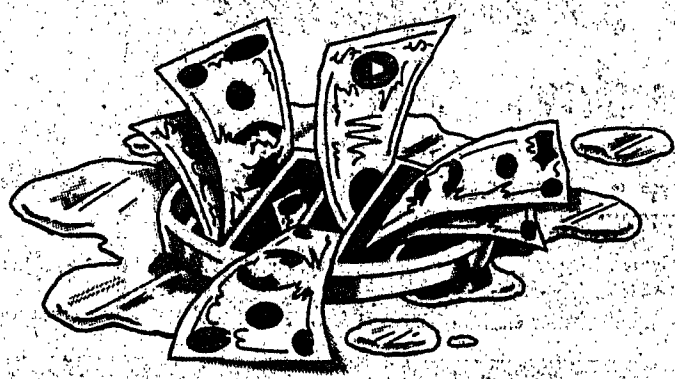
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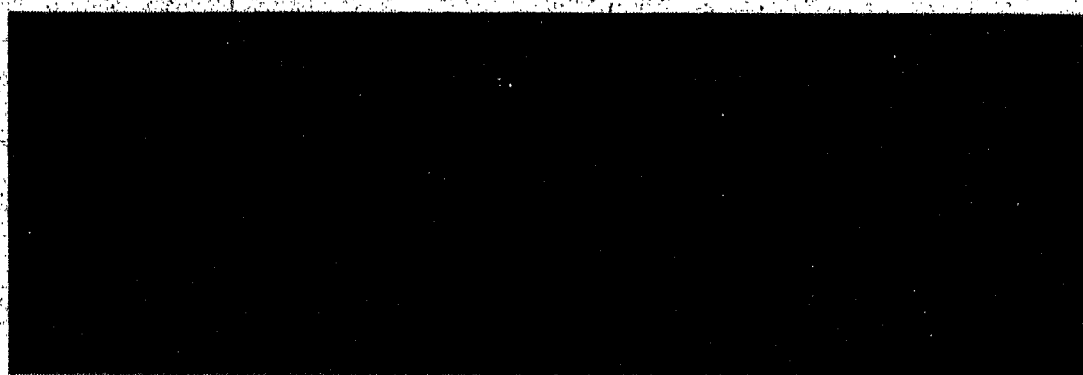
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Yard Sale

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GARAGE SALE: DIAMONDHEAD, 7369 Anelli Street. Memorial weekend, Sat., Sun., & Mon. 5/23-5/25, 8am-3pm. Moving, everything must go!

GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 23 at Pearlington Community Center, 8am-11.

GARAGE SALE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, corner Whale & Shark, 4064 Shark St., off Ist. St., behind Todd's, off 603. 8am-11.

MOVING SALE: 515 St. Anthony, Waveland, Thursday, May 21, Friday, May 22, Saturday, May 23, 8am-3pm.

MOVING SALE: SWING SET, little table, desk chair, housewares, children's clothing, lawn chair, BBQ grill. 708 Esplanade, Saturday, 8am. till BSL. NO EARLY BIRDS, PLEASE.

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YARD SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 23, 8:00am (No Early Birds) @. Ceramic molds, dolls, costume jewelry, clothes, ladies small 80-70's.

YARD SALE: LOT OF MISC. ITEMS. Friday/May 22nd, Sat/May 23rd, 8am-4pm, 4111 3rd St., Shoreline park off Ave. B. Follow signs from 603.

YARD SALE: 1558 EAST 2ND ST., Pass Christian, Saturday 7am-11. Baby bed, microwave & misc.

YARD SALE: FRIDAY, MAY 22, corner of Victoria and Lachner St., 8am-11. Lots of miscellaneous.

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